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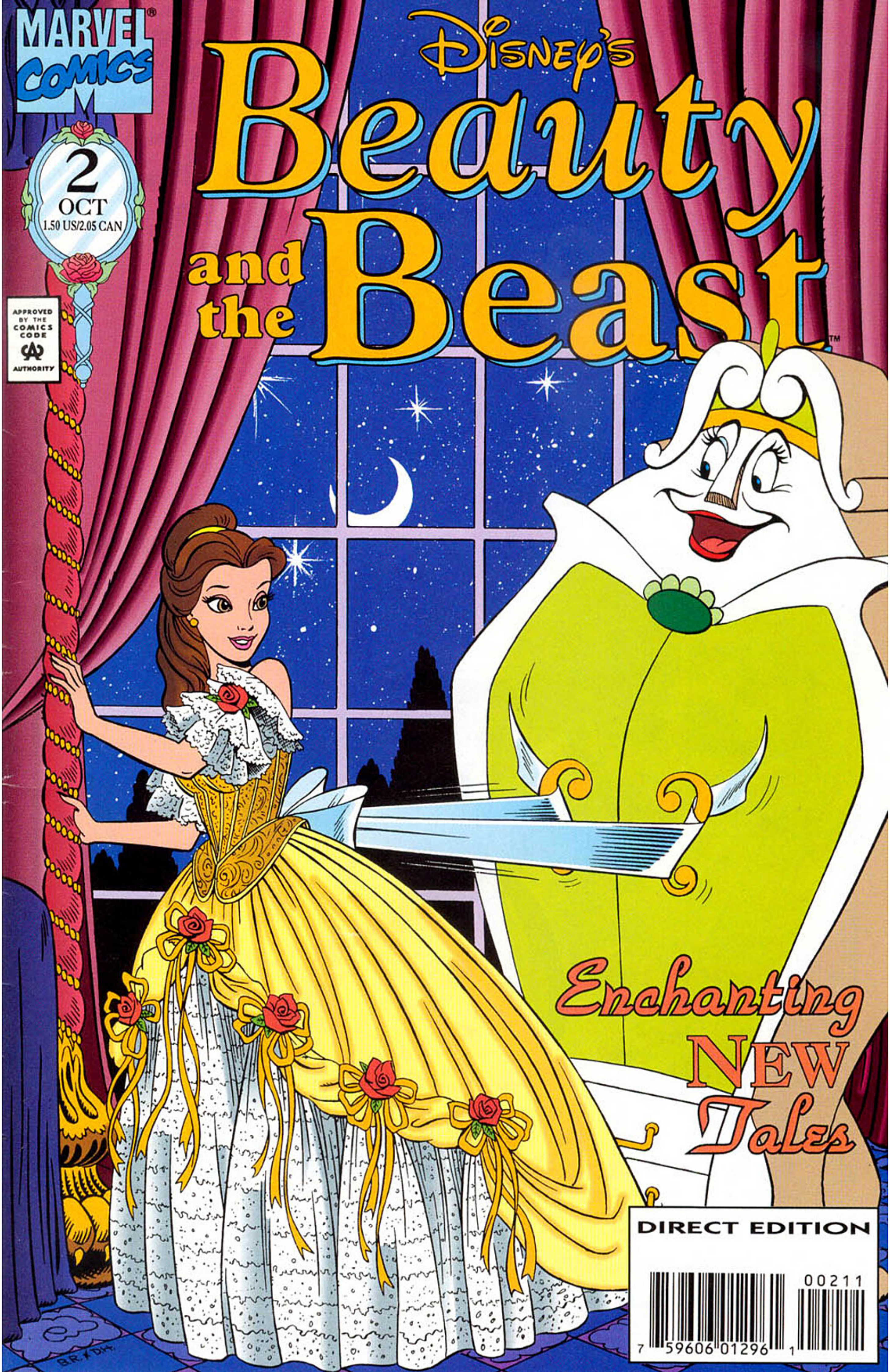

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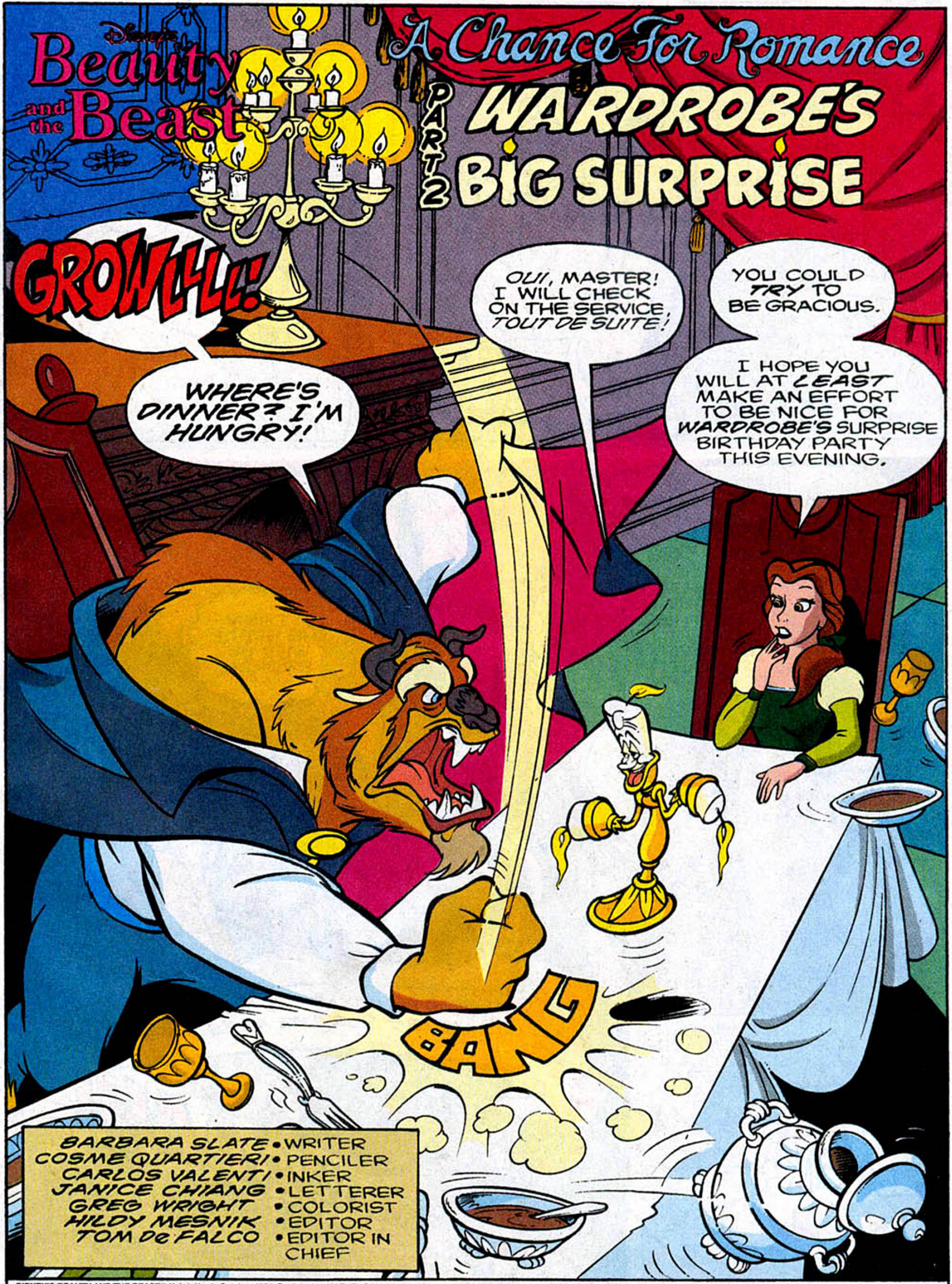
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A Chance For Romance
PART 2
WARDROBE'S BIG SURPRISE
GROWLLLL!
WHERE'S DINNER? I'M HUNGRY!
OUI, MASTER! I WILL CHECK ON THE SERVICE, TOUT DE SUITE!
YOU COULD TRY TO BE GRACIOUS.
I HOPE YOU WILL AT LEAST MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE NICE FOR WARDROBE'S SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY THIS EVENING.
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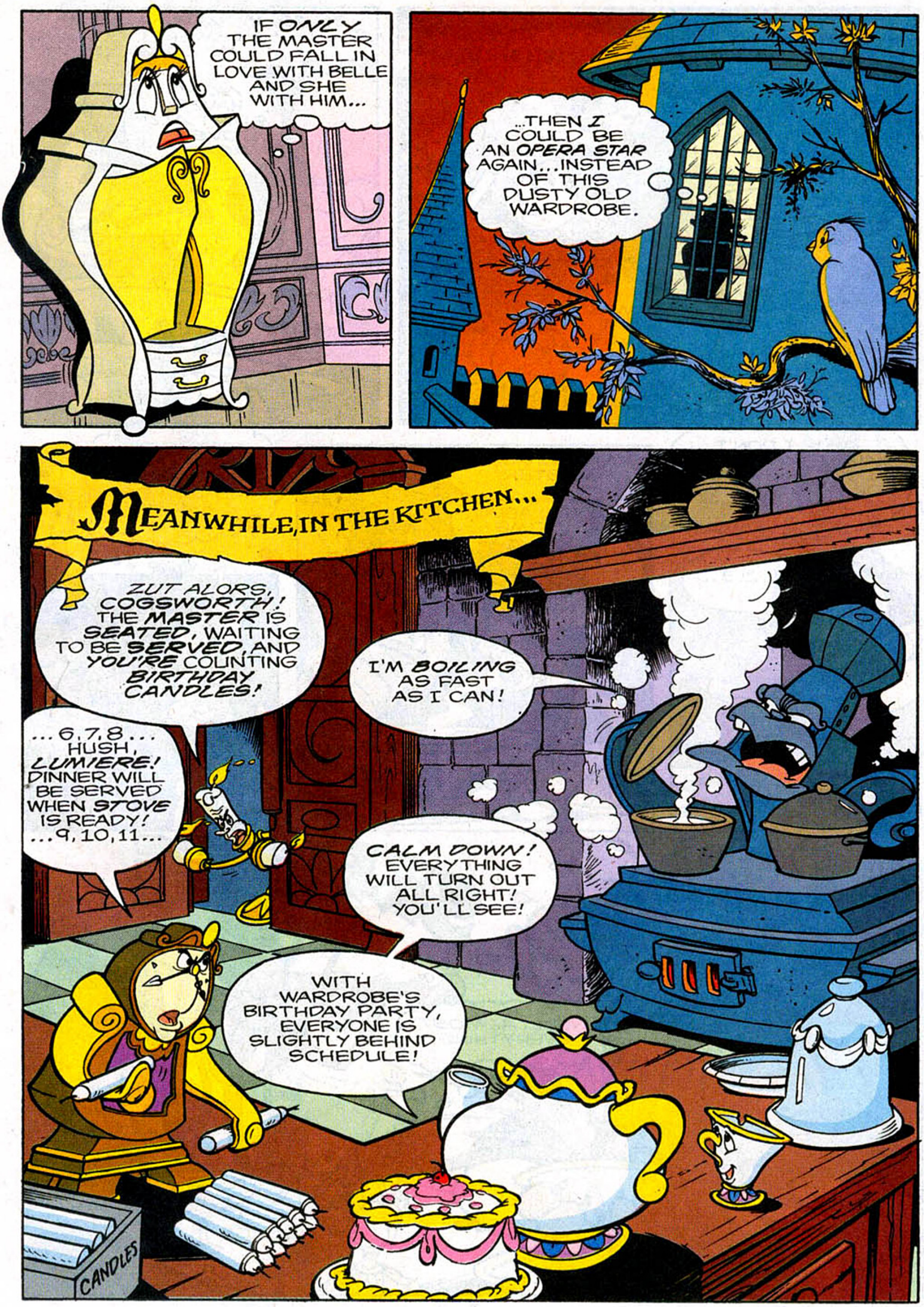
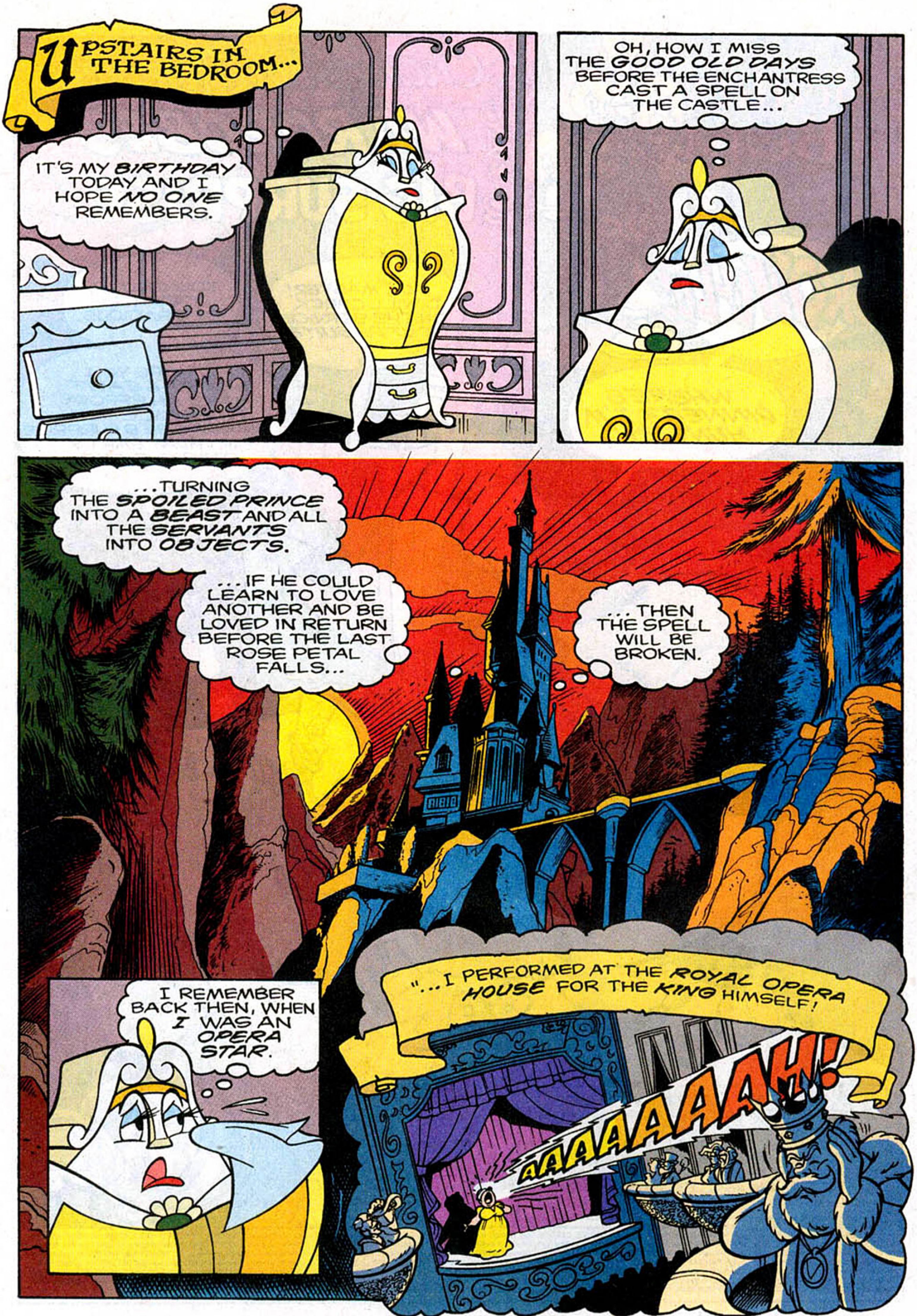
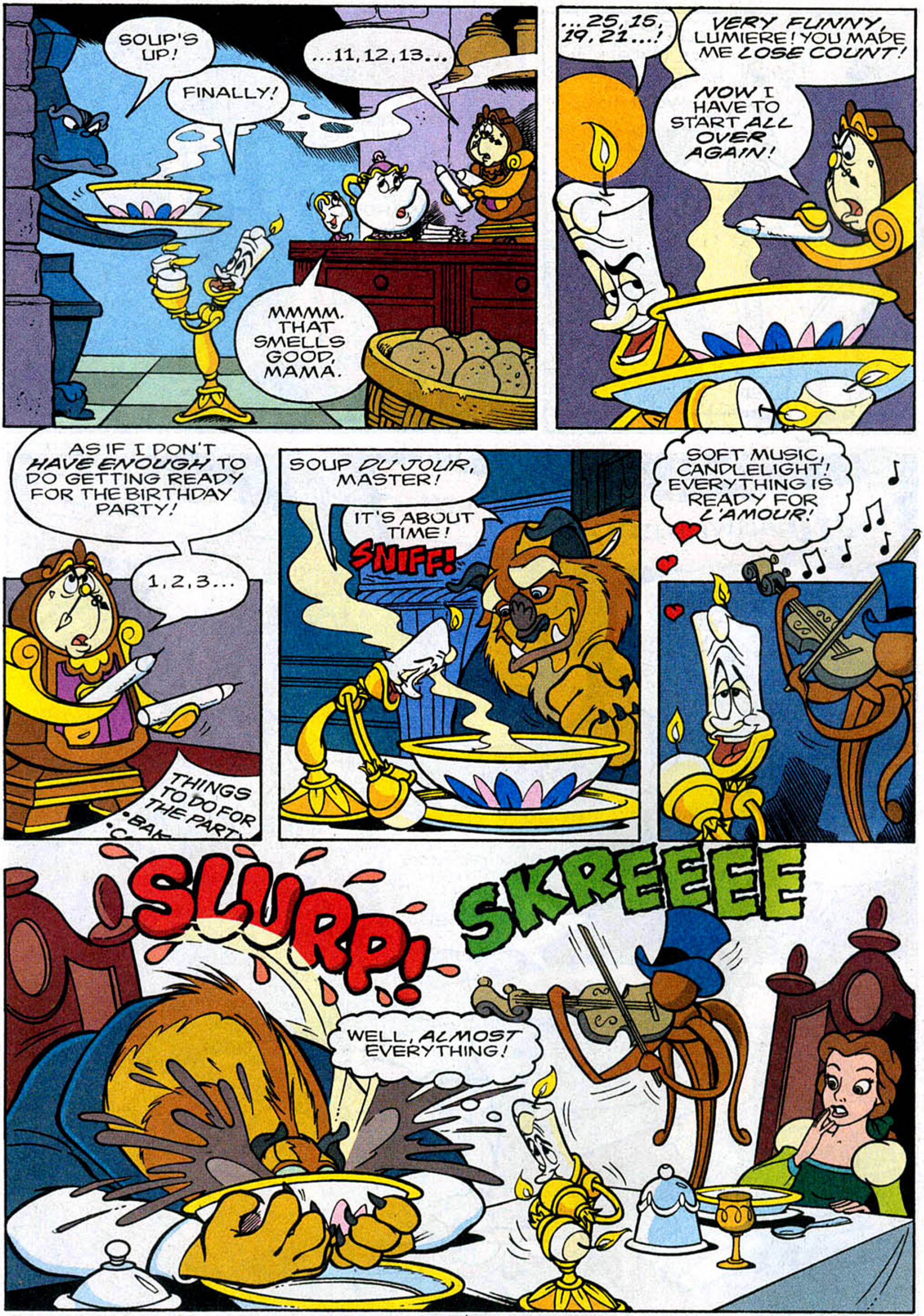
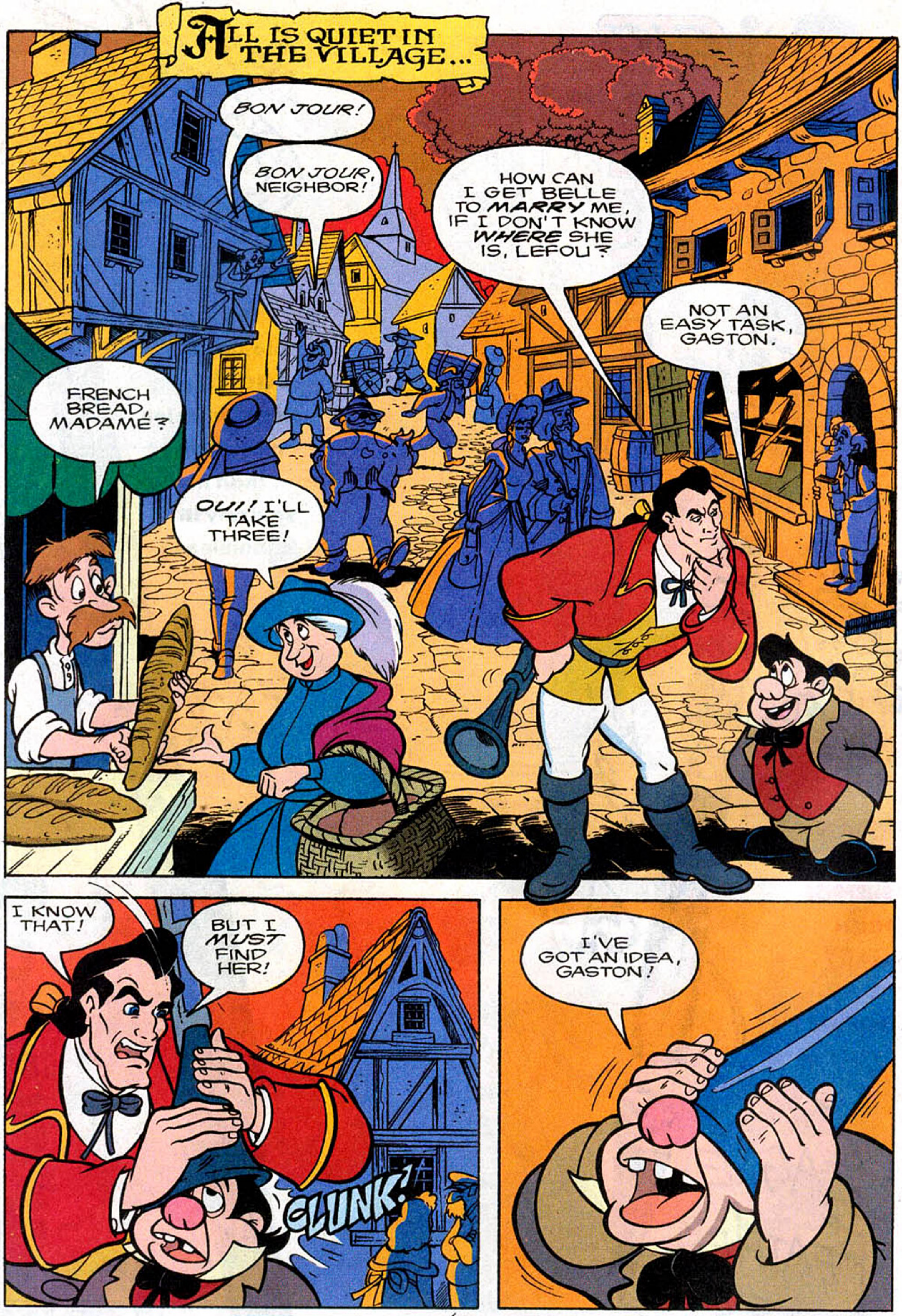
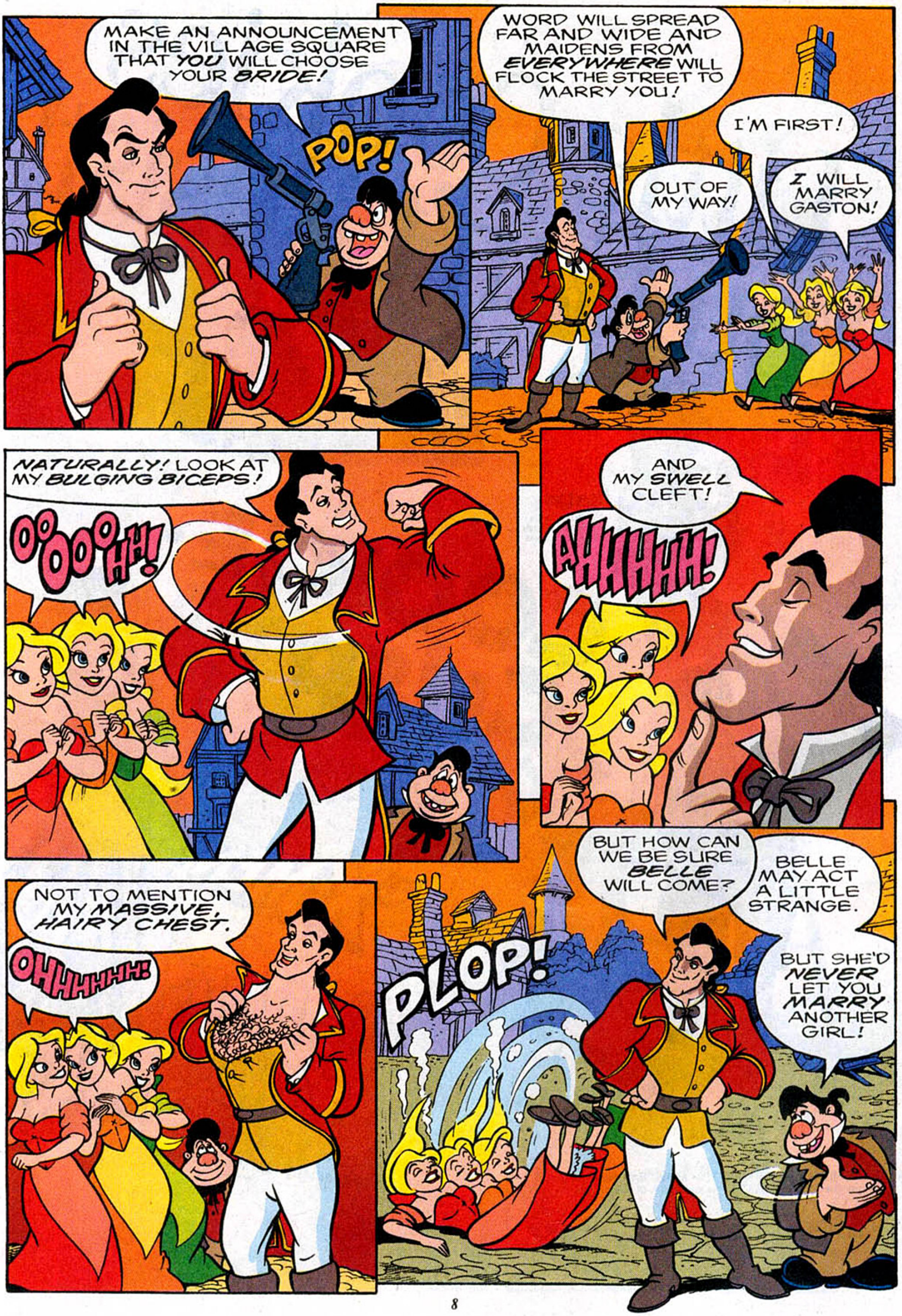
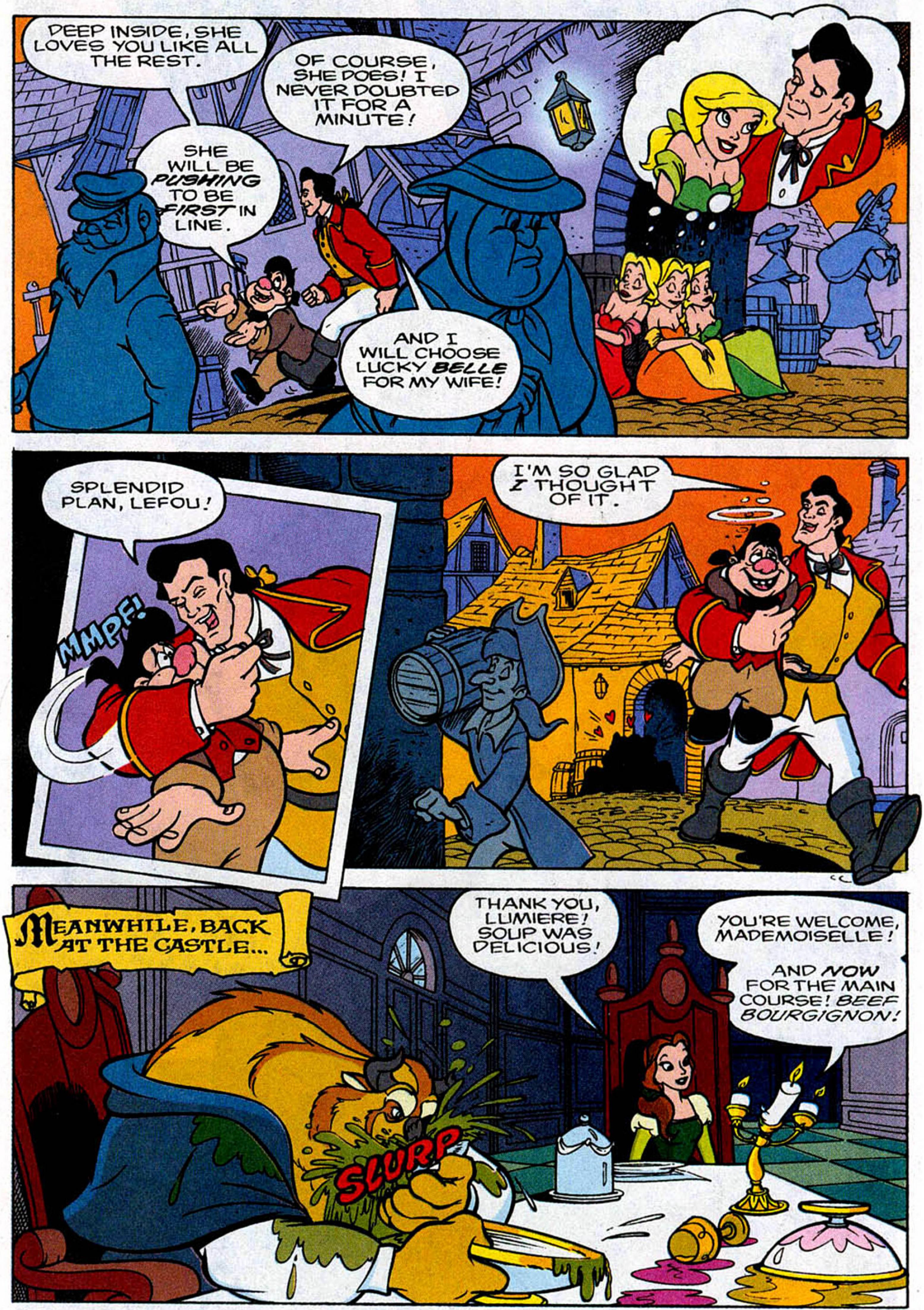

IF ONLY THE MASTER COULD FALL IN LOVE WITH BELLE AND SHE WITH HIM...
...THEN I COULD BE AN OPERA STAR AGAIN...INSTEAD OF THIS DUSTY OLD WARDROBE.
MEANWHILE, IN THE KITCHEN...
ZUT ALORS, COGSWORTH! THE MASTER IS SEATED, WAITING TO BE SERVED, AND YOU'RE COUNTING BIRTHDAY CANDLES!
I'M BOILING AS FAST AS I CAN!
...6,7,8... HUSH, LUMIERE! DINNER WILL BE SERVED WHEN STOVE IS READY! ...9,10,11...
CALM DOWN! EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT! YOU'LL SEE!
WITH WARDROBE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, EVERYONE IS SLIGHTLY BEHIND SCHEDULE!
CANDLES

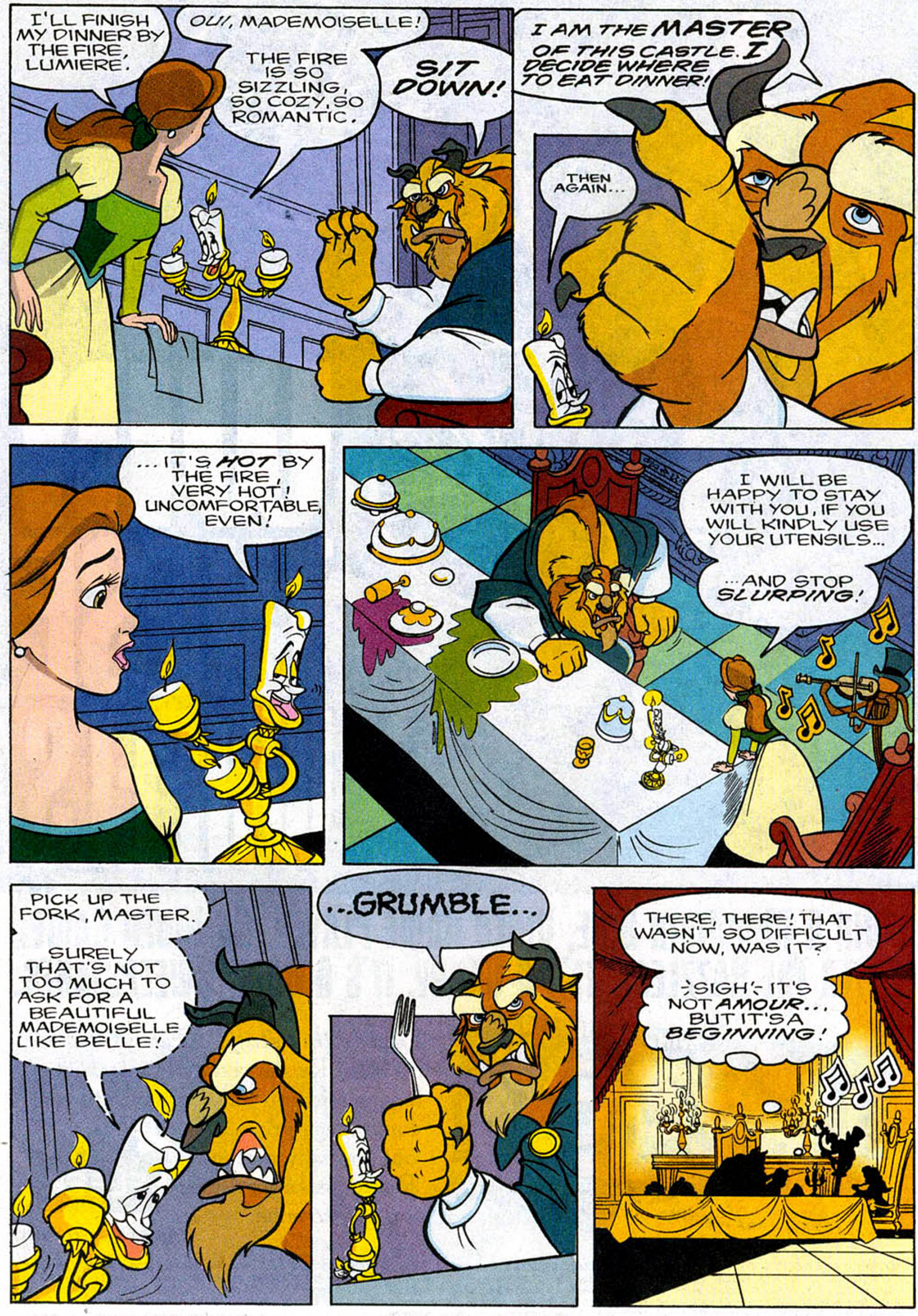

UPSTAIRS IN THE BEDROOM...
IT'S MY *BIRTHDAY* TODAY AND I HOPE *NO ONE* REMEMBERS.
OH, HOW I MISS THE *GOOD OLD DAYS* BEFORE THE ENCHANTRESS CAST A SPELL ON THE CASTLE...
...TURNING THE *SPOILED PRINCE* INTO A *BEAST* AND ALL THE *SERVANTS* INTO *OBJECTS*.
...IF HE COULD LEARN TO LOVE ANOTHER AND BE LOVED IN RETURN BEFORE THE LAST ROSE PETAL FALLS...
...THEN THE SPELL WILL BE BROKEN.
I REMEMBER BACK THEN, WHEN *I* WAS AN *OPERA STAR*.
"...I PERFORMED AT THE *ROYAL OPERA HOUSE* FOR THE *KING* HIMSELF!
AAAAAAAAAAH!

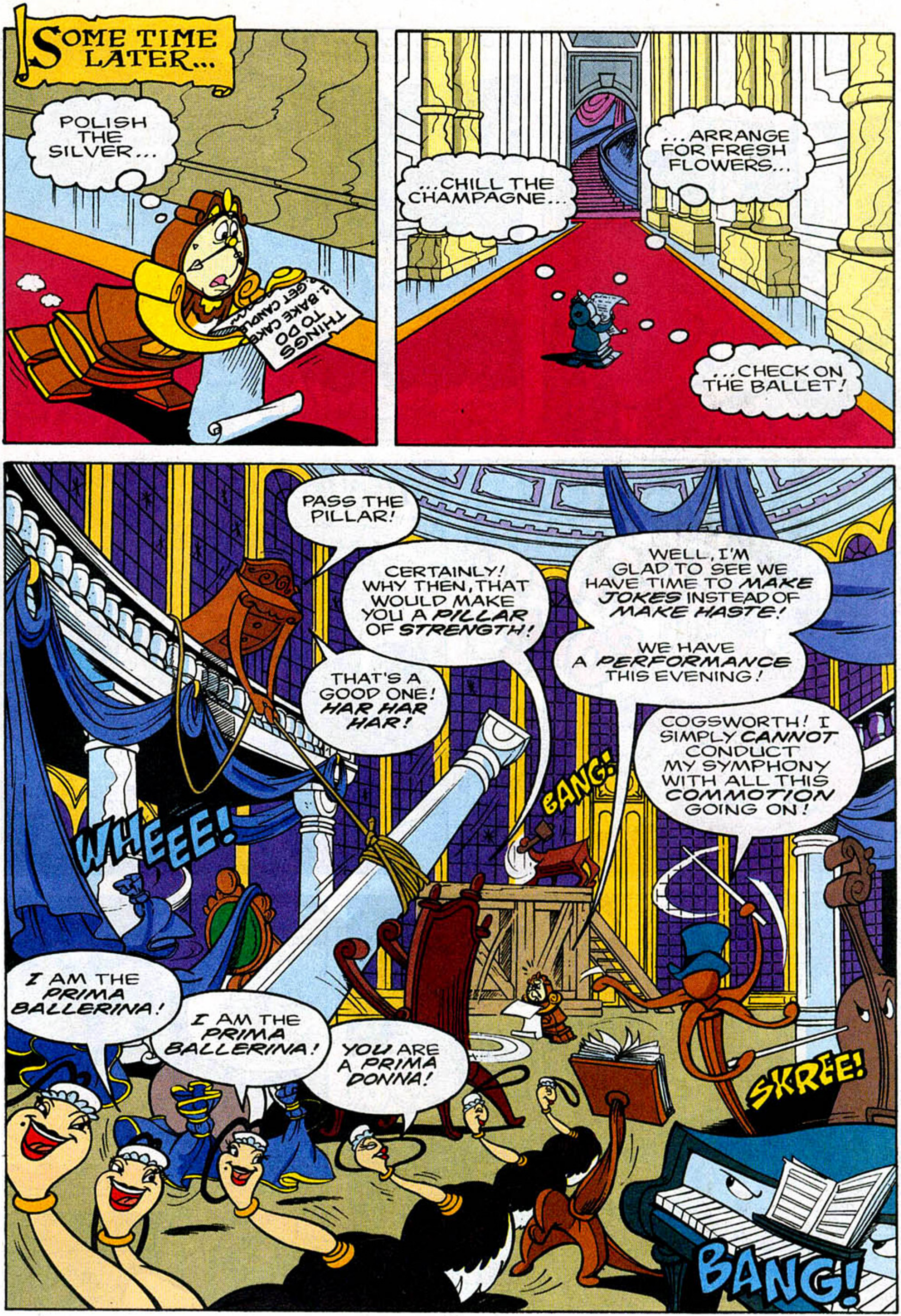

SOUP'S UP!
FINALLY!
...11, 12, 13...
MMMM. THAT SMELLS GOOD, MAMA.
...25, 15, 19, 21...!
VERY FUNNY, LUMIERE! YOU MADE ME LOSE COUNT!
NOW I HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN!
AS IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DO GETTING READY FOR THE BIRTHDAY PARTY!
1, 2, 3...
THINGS TO DO FOR THE PARTY
•BAK
•C
SOUP DU JOUR, MASTER!
IT'S ABOUT TIME!
SNIFF!
SOFT MUSIC, CANDLELIGHT! EVERYTHING IS READY FOR L'AMOUR!
SLURP!
SKREEEE
WELL, ALMOST EVERYTHING!

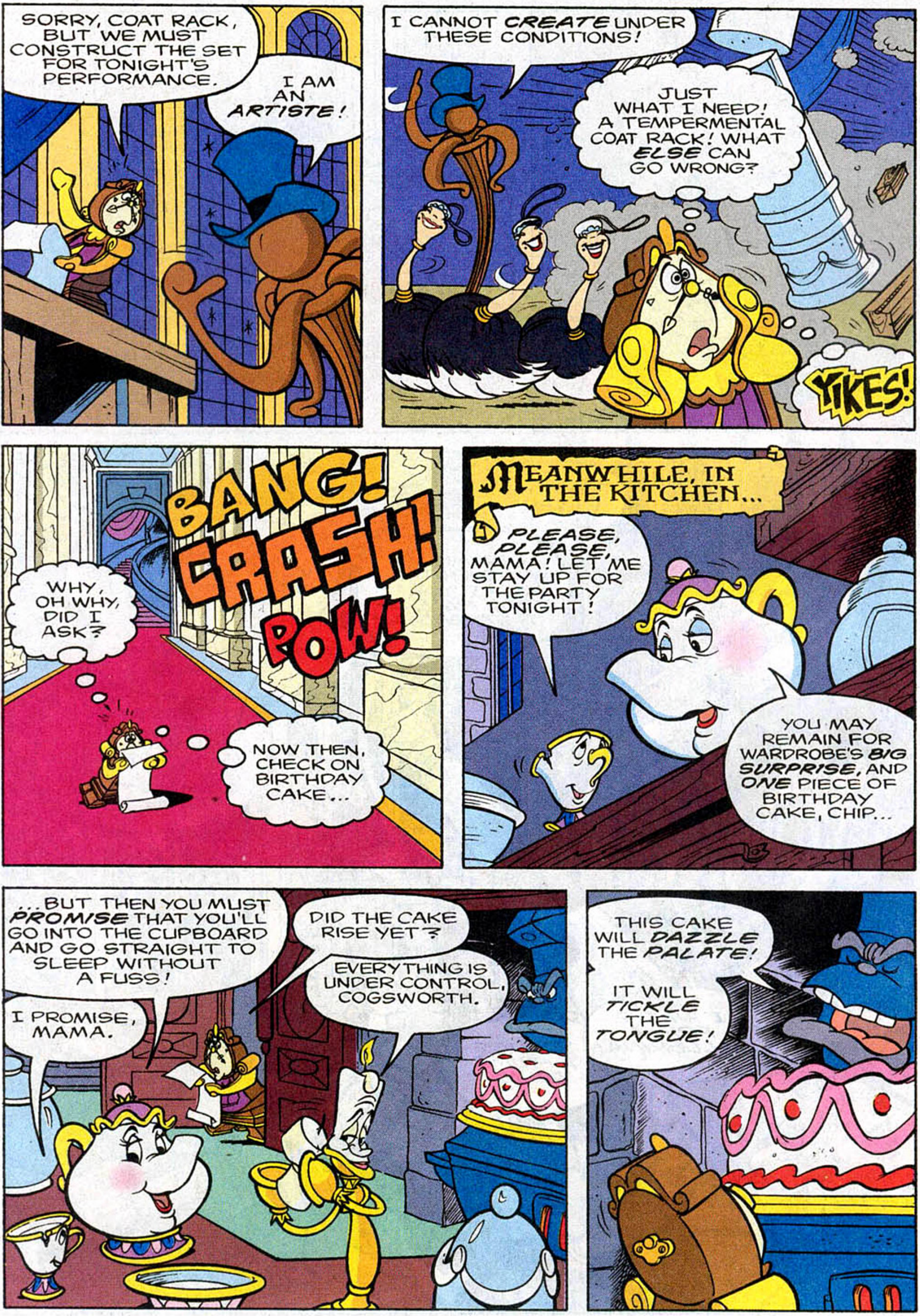

ALL IS QUIET IN THE VILLAGE...
BON JOUR!
BON JOUR, NEIGHBOR!
HOW CAN I GET BELLE TO MARRY ME, IF I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS, LEFOU?
NOT AN EASY TASK, GASTON.
FRENCH BREAD, MADAME?
OUI! I'LL TAKE THREE!
I KNOW THAT!
BUT I MUST FIND HER!
CLUNK!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA, GASTON!

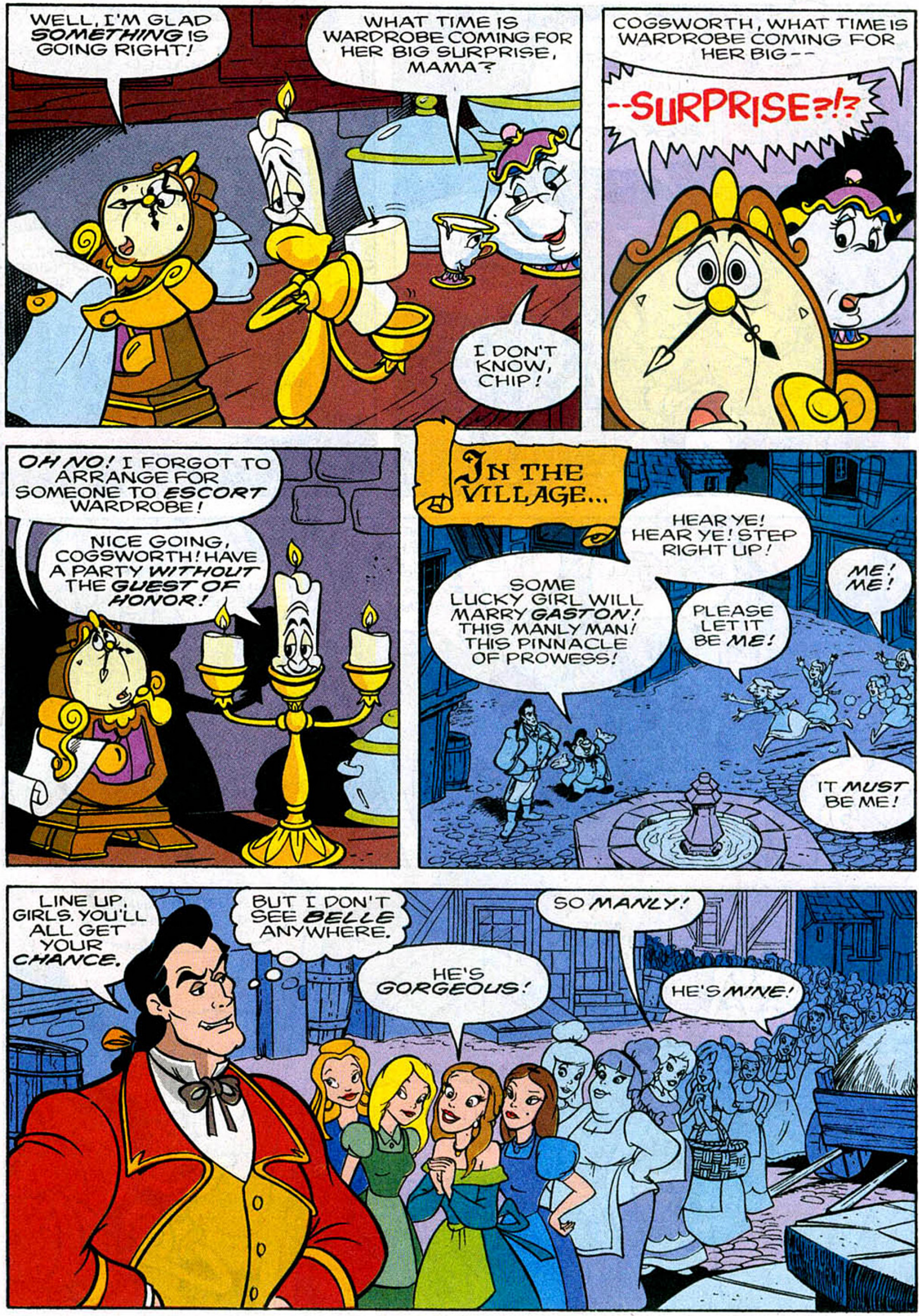

MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE THAT *YOU* WILL CHOOSE YOUR *BRIDE!*
POP!
WORD WILL SPREAD FAR AND WIDE AND MAIDENS FROM *EVERYWHERE* WILL FLOCK THE STREET TO MARRY YOU!
I'M FIRST!
OUT OF MY WAY!
I WILL MARRY GASTON!
NATURALLY! LOOK AT MY *BULGING BICEPS!*
OOOOOHH!
AND MY *SWELL* CLEFT!
AHHHHH!
NOT TO MENTION MY *MASSIVE, HAIRY CHEST.*
OHHHHHH!
PLOP!
BUT HOW CAN WE BE SURE *BELLE* WILL COME?
BELLE MAY ACT A LITTLE STRANGE.
BUT SHE'D *NEVER* LET YOU *MARRY* ANOTHER GIRL!

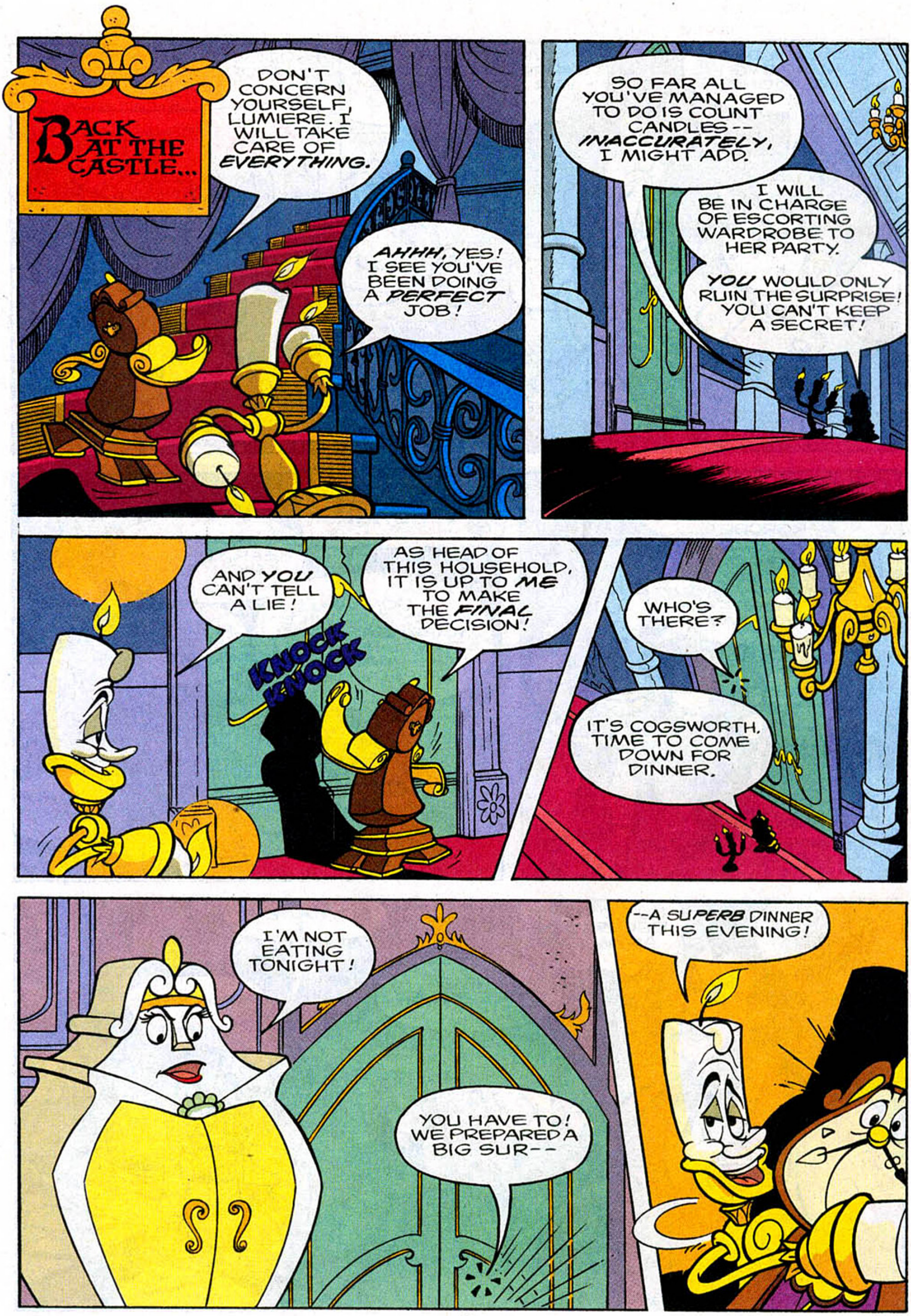

DEEP INSIDE, SHE LOVES YOU LIKE ALL THE REST.
OF COURSE, SHE DOES! I NEVER DOUBTED IT FOR A MINUTE!
SHE WILL BE *PUSHING* TO BE *FIRST* IN LINE.
AND I WILL CHOOSE LUCKY ***BELLE*** FOR MY WIFE!
SPLENDID PLAN, LEFOU!
MMPF!
I'M SO GLAD ***I*** THOUGHT OF IT.
MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CASTLE...
THANK YOU, LUMIERE! SOUP WAS DELICIOUS!
SLURP
YOU'RE WELCOME, MADEMOISELLE!
AND *NOW* FOR THE MAIN COURSE! *BEEF BOURGIGNON!*

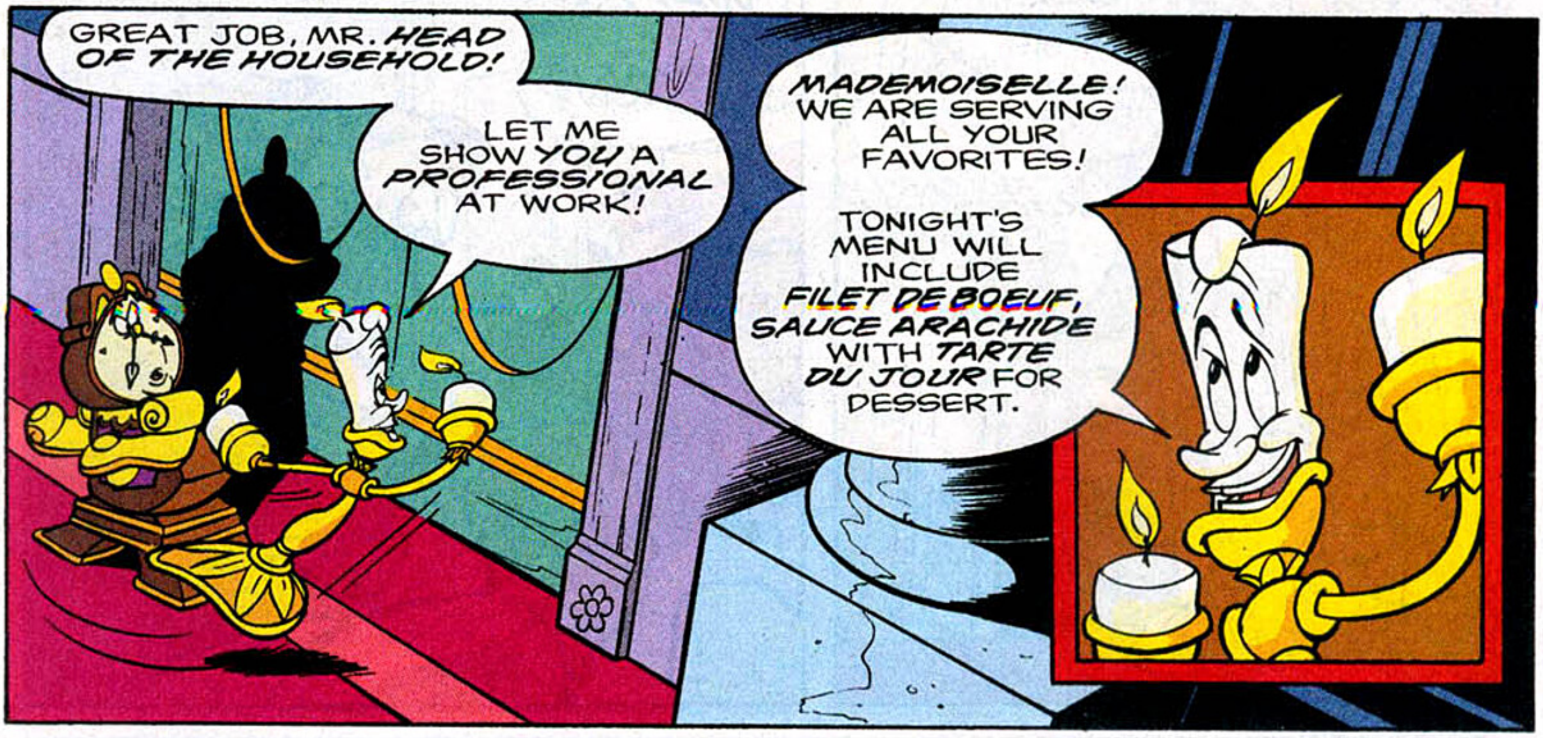

I'LL FINISH MY DINNER BY THE FIRE, LUMIERE.
OUI, MADEMOISELLE!
THE FIRE IS SO SIZZLING, SO COZY, SO ROMANTIC.
SIT DOWN!
I AM THE **MASTER** OF THIS CASTLE. I DECIDE WHERE TO EAT DINNER!
THEN AGAIN...
...IT'S ***HOT*** BY THE FIRE, VERY HOT! UNCOMFORTABLE, EVEN!
I WILL BE HAPPY TO STAY WITH YOU, IF YOU WILL KINDLY USE YOUR UTENSILS...
...AND STOP ***SLURPING!***
PICK UP THE FORK, MASTER.
SURELY THAT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK FOR A BEAUTIFUL MADEMOISELLE LIKE BELLE!
...GRUMBLE...
THERE, THERE! THAT WASN'T SO DIFFICULT NOW, WAS IT?
SIGH IT'S NOT ***AMOUR***... BUT IT'S A ***BEGINNING!***

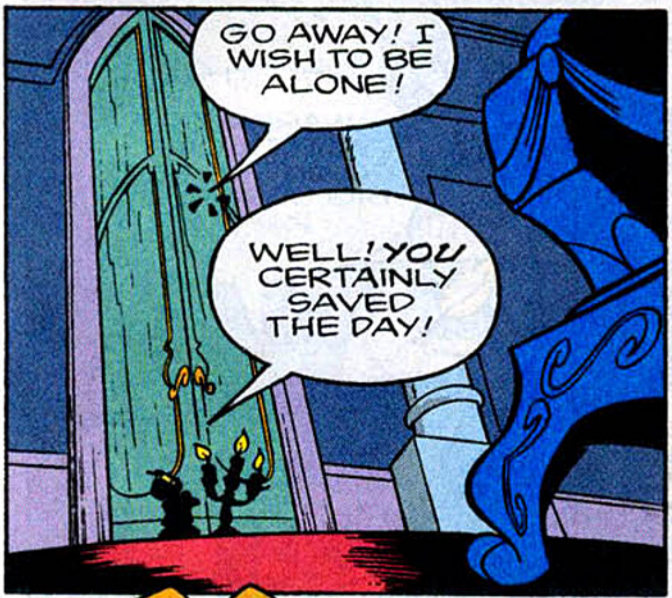

SOME TIME LATER...
POLISH THE SILVER...
THINGS TO DO
1. BAKE CAKE
2. GET CANDL
...CHILL THE CHAMPAGNE...
...ARRANGE FOR FRESH FLOWERS...
...CHECK ON THE BALLET!
PASS THE PILLAR!
CERTAINLY! WHY THEN, THAT WOULD MAKE YOU A PILLAR OF STRENGTH!
THAT'S A GOOD ONE! HAR HAR HAR!
WELL, I'M GLAD TO SEE WE HAVE TIME TO MAKE JOKES INSTEAD OF MAKE HASTE!
WE HAVE A PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING!
COGSWORTH! I SIMPLY CANNOT CONDUCT MY SYMPHONY WITH ALL THIS COMMOTION GOING ON!
WHEEE!
BANG!
I AM THE PRIMA BALLERINA!
I AM THE PRIMA BALLERINA!
YOU ARE A PRIMA DONNA!
SKREE!
BANG!

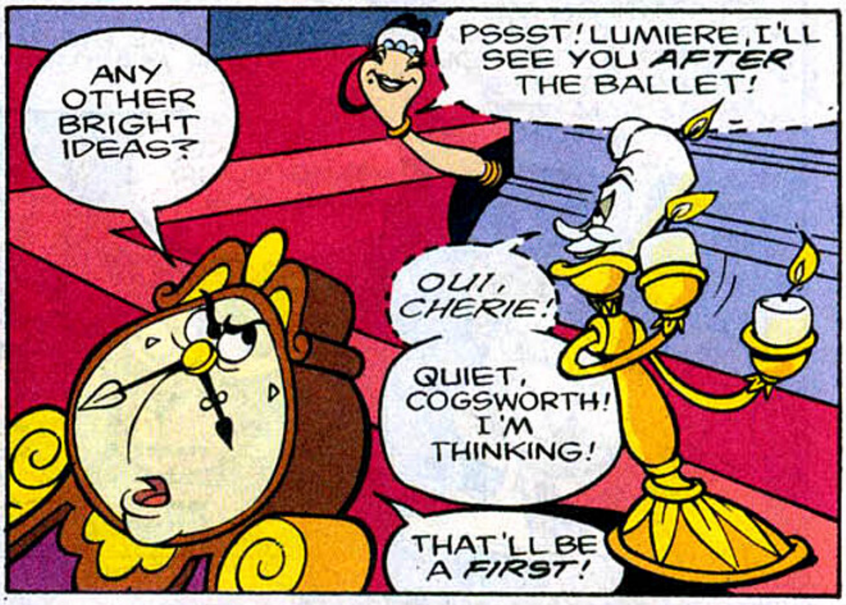

SORRY, COAT RACK, BUT WE MUST CONSTRUCT THE SET FOR TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.
I AM AN *ARTISTE*!
I CANNOT *CREATE* UNDER THESE CONDITIONS!
JUST WHAT I NEED! A TEMPERMENTAL COAT RACK! WHAT *ELSE* CAN GO WRONG?
YIKES!
BANG!
CRASH!
POW!
WHY, OH WHY, DID I ASK?
NOW THEN, CHECK ON BIRTHDAY CAKE...
MEANWHILE, IN THE KITCHEN...
PLEASE, PLEASE, MAMA! LET ME STAY UP FOR THE PARTY TONIGHT!
YOU MAY REMAIN FOR WARDROBE'S *BIG SURPRISE*, AND *ONE* PIECE OF BIRTHDAY CAKE, CHIP...
...BUT THEN YOU MUST *PROMISE* THAT YOU'LL GO INTO THE CUPBOARD AND GO STRAIGHT TO SLEEP WITHOUT A FUSS!
I PROMISE, MAMA.
DID THE CAKE RISE YET?
EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL, COGSWORTH.
THIS CAKE WILL *DAZZLE* THE *PALATE*!
IT WILL *TICKLE* THE *TONGUE*!

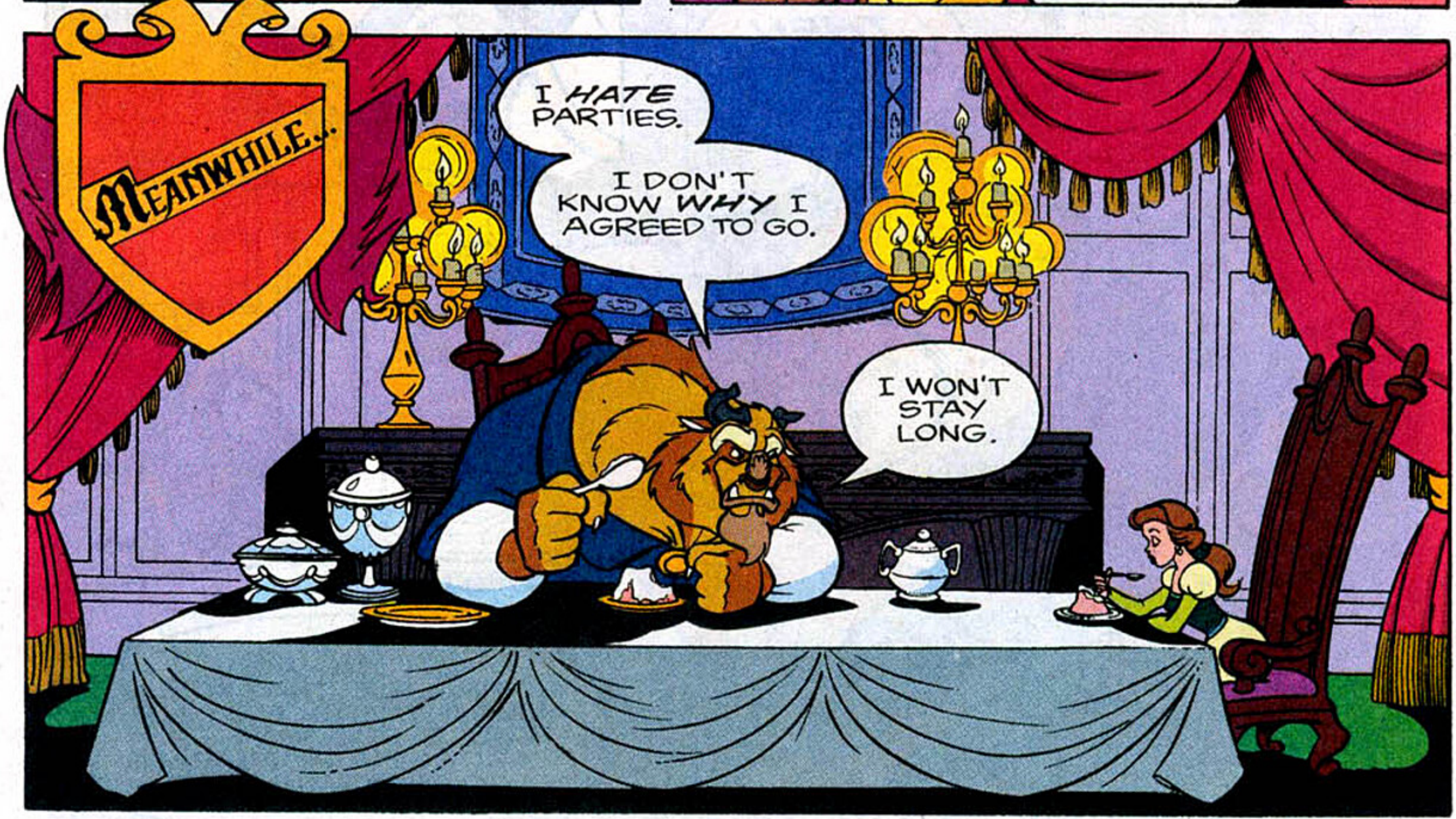

WELL, I'M GLAD *SOMETHING* IS GOING RIGHT!
WHAT TIME IS WARDROBE COMING FOR HER BIG SURPRISE, MAMA?
I DON'T KNOW, CHIP!
COGSWORTH, WHAT TIME IS WARDROBE COMING FOR HER BIG --
--SURPRISE?!?
OH NO! I FORGOT TO ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO *ESCORT* WARDROBE!
NICE GOING, COGSWORTH! HAVE A PARTY *WITHOUT* THE *GUEST OF HONOR!*
IN THE VILLAGE...
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! STEP RIGHT UP!
SOME LUCKY GIRL WILL MARRY *GASTON!* THIS MANLY MAN! THIS PINNACLE OF PROWESS!
PLEASE LET IT BE *ME!*
ME! ME!
IT *MUST* BE ME!
LINE UP, GIRLS. YOU'LL ALL GET YOUR *CHANCE.*
BUT I DON'T SEE *BELLE* ANYWHERE.
SO *MANLY!*
HE'S *GORGEOUS!*
HE'S *MINE!*

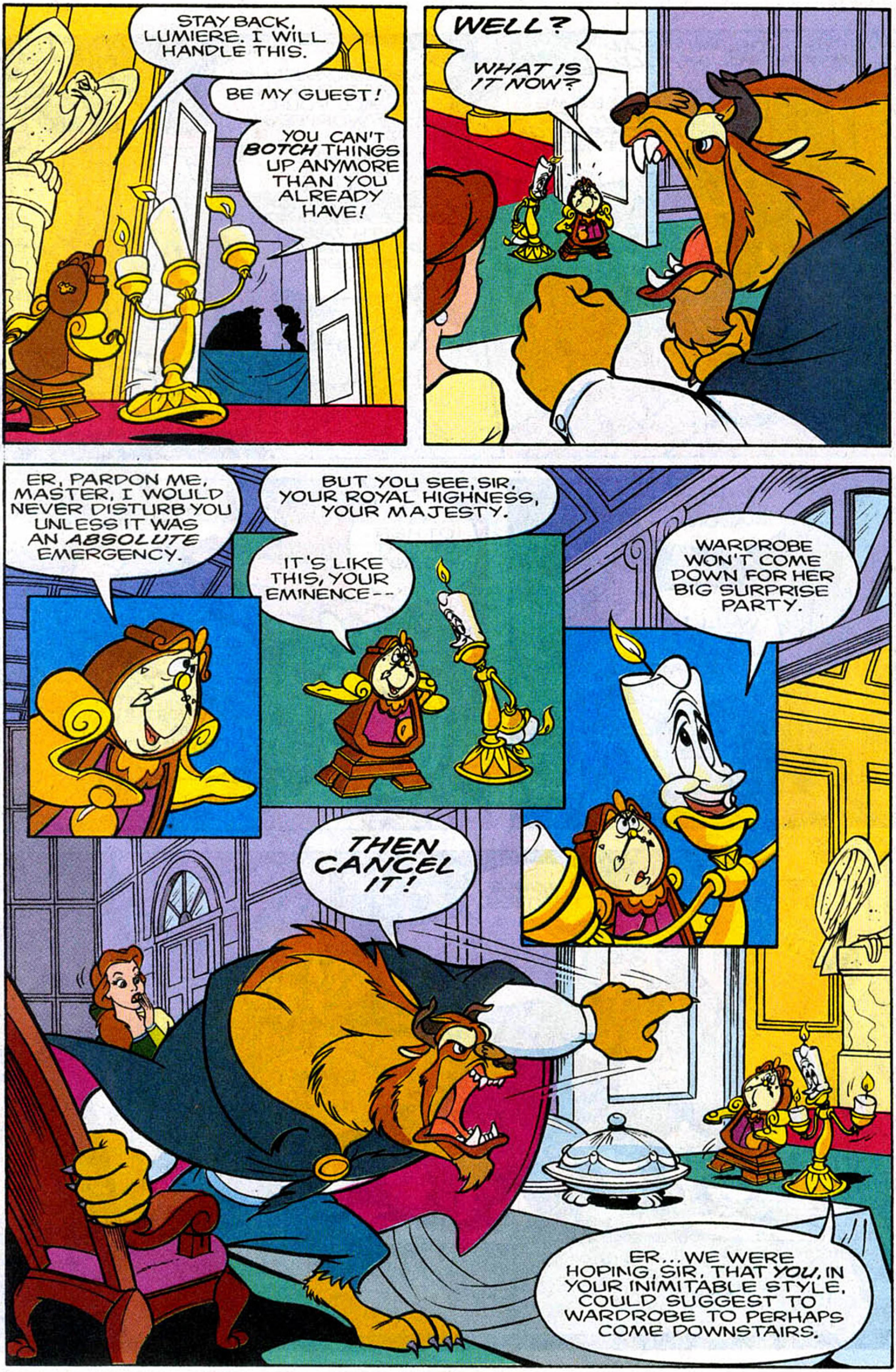

BACK AT THE CASTLE...
DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF, LUMIERE. I WILL TAKE CARE OF *EVERYTHING*.
AHHH, YES! I SEE YOU'VE BEEN DOING A *PERFECT* JOB!
SO FAR ALL YOU'VE MANAGED TO DO IS COUNT CANDLES -- *INACCURATELY*, I MIGHT ADD.
I WILL BE IN CHARGE OF ESCORTING WARDROBE TO HER PARTY.
YOU WOULD ONLY RUIN THE SURPRISE! YOU CAN'T KEEP A SECRET!
AND *YOU* CAN'T TELL A LIE!
AS HEAD OF THIS HOUSEHOLD, IT IS UP TO *ME* TO MAKE THE *FINAL* DECISION!
KNOCK KNOCK
WHO'S THERE?
IT'S COGSWORTH. TIME TO COME DOWN FOR DINNER.
I'M NOT EATING TONIGHT!
YOU HAVE TO! WE PREPARED A BIG SUR--
--A SU*PERB* DINNER THIS EVENING!

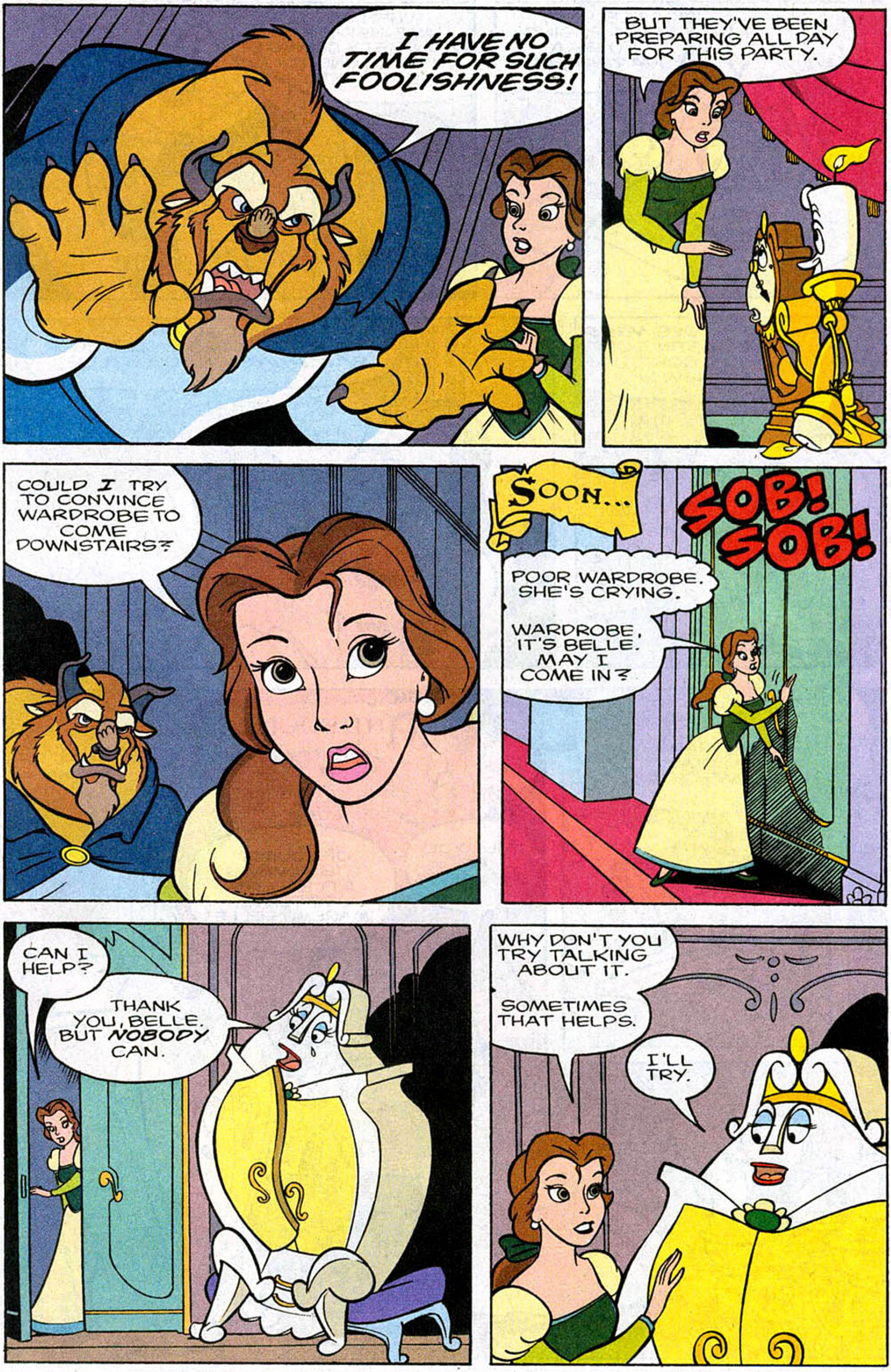

GREAT JOB, MR. *HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD!*
LET ME SHOW *YOU* A *PROFESSIONAL* AT WORK!
MADEMOISELLE! WE ARE SERVING ALL YOUR FAVORITES!
TONIGHT'S MENU WILL INCLUDE *FILET DE BOEUF, SAUCE ARACHIDE* WITH *TARTE DU JOUR* FOR DESSERT.

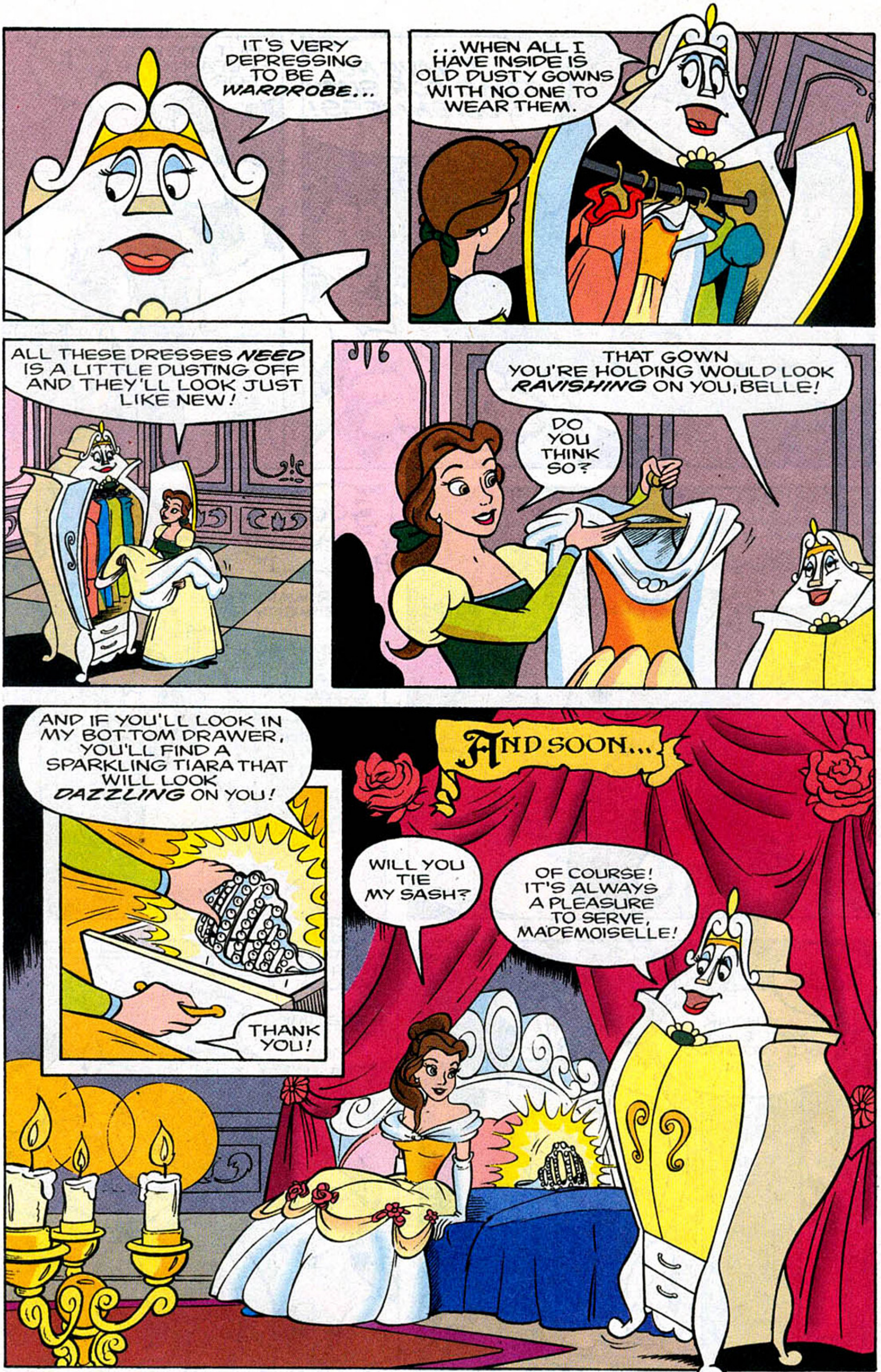

GO AWAY! I WISH TO BE ALONE!
WELL! *YOU* CERTAINLY SAVED THE DAY!

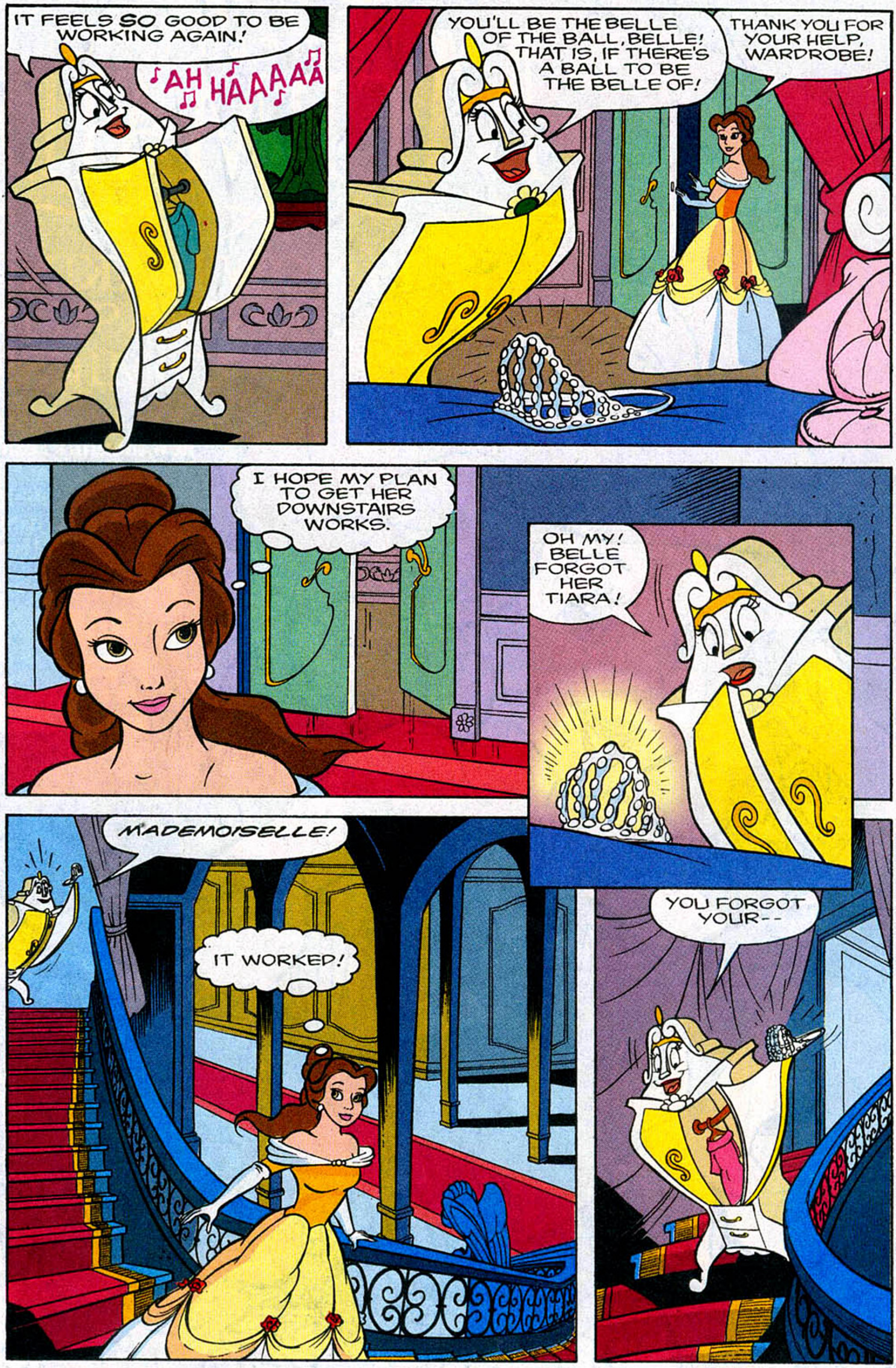

ANY OTHER BRIGHT IDEAS?
PSSST! LUMIERE, I'LL SEE YOU *AFTER* THE BALLET!
OUI, CHERIE!
QUIET, COGSWORTH! I'M THINKING!
THAT'LL BE A *FIRST*!

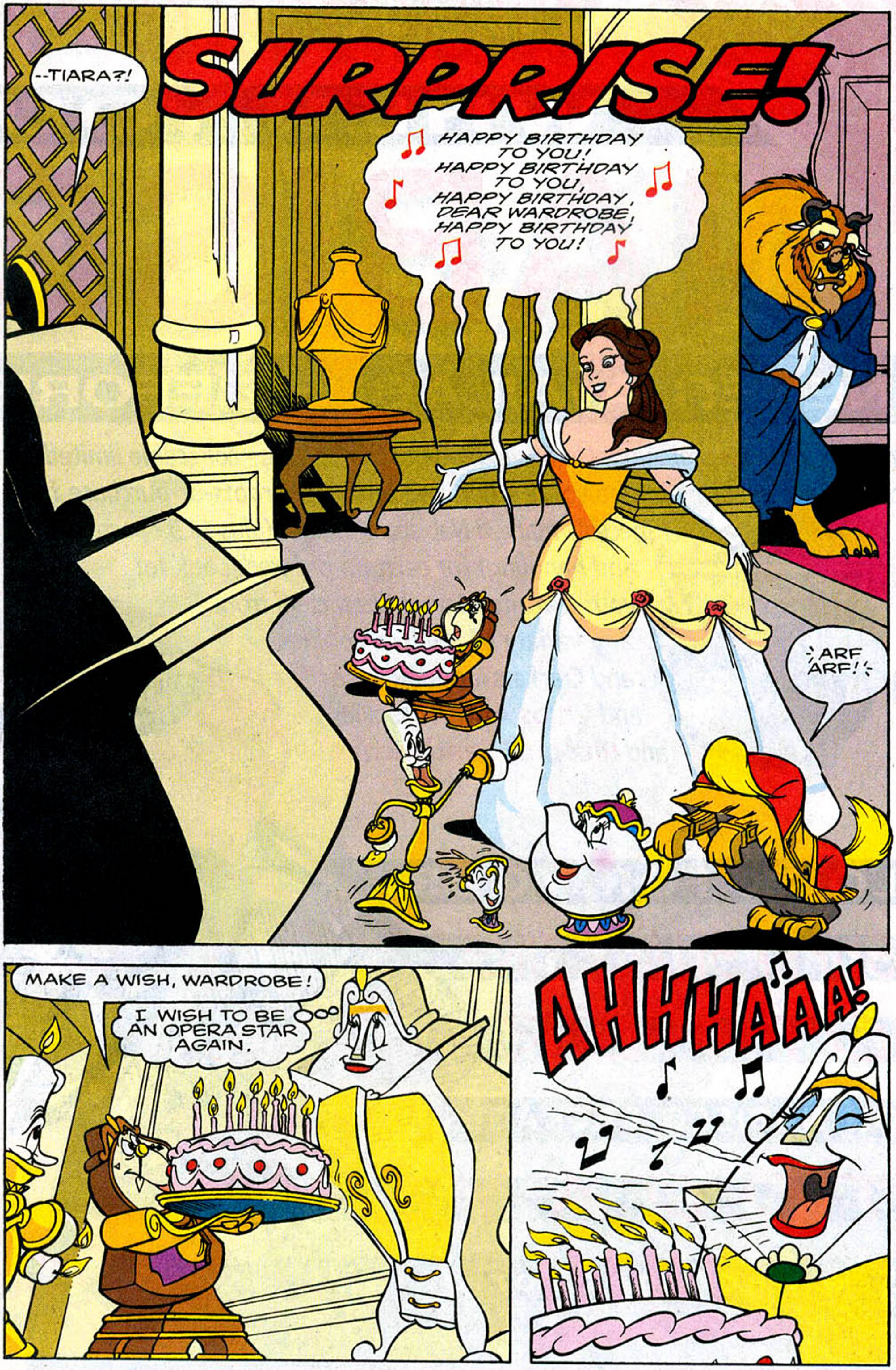

MEANWHILE...
I *HATE* PARTIES.
I DON'T KNOW *WHY* I AGREED TO GO.
I WON'T STAY LONG.

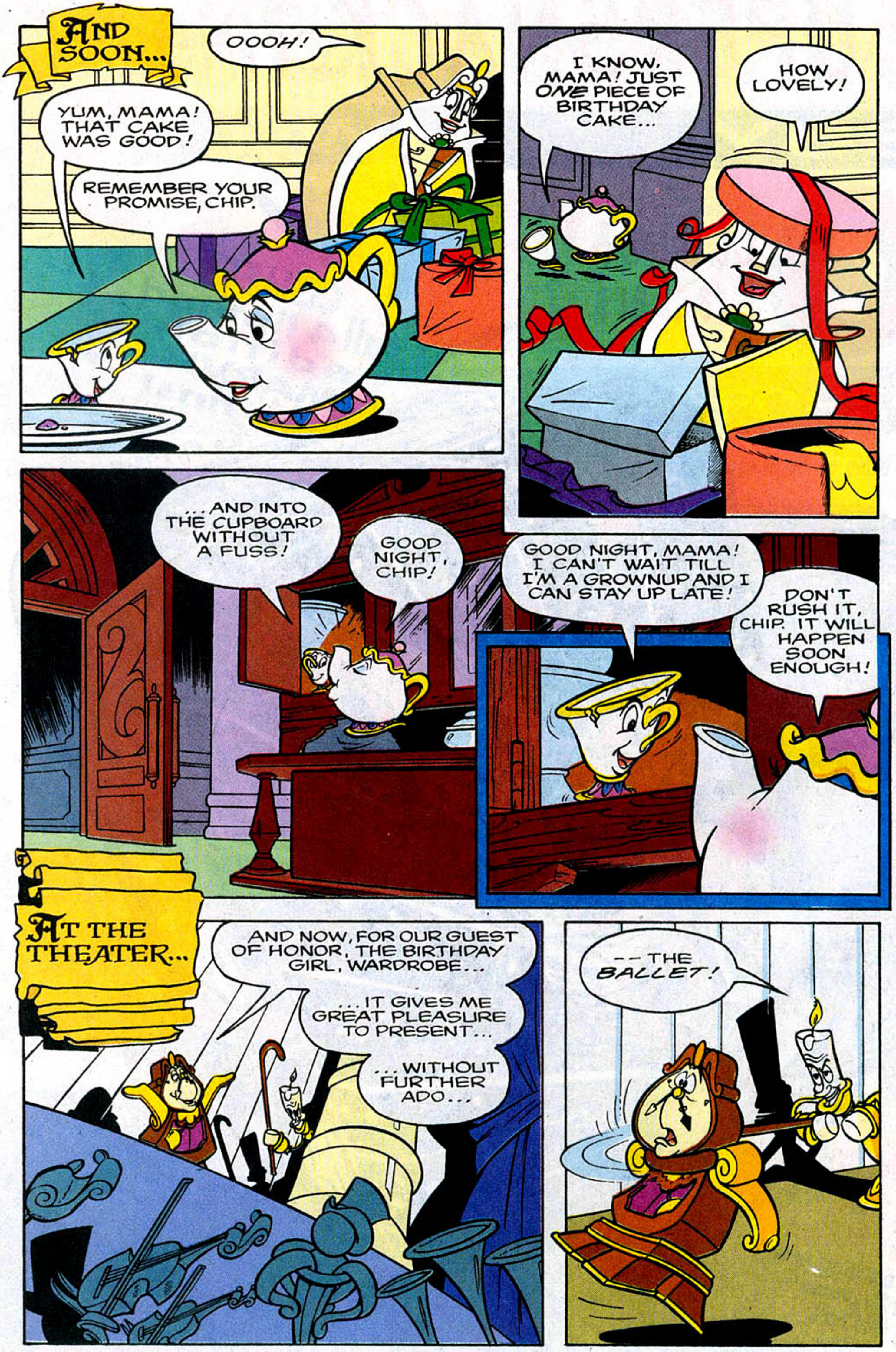

STAY BACK, LUMIERE. I WILL HANDLE THIS.
BE MY GUEST!
YOU CAN'T *BOTCH* THINGS UP ANYMORE THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE!
WELL?
WHAT IS IT NOW?
ER, PARDON ME, MASTER, I WOULD NEVER DISTURB YOU UNLESS IT WAS AN *ABSOLUTE* EMERGENCY.
BUT YOU SEE, SIR, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, YOUR MAJESTY.
IT'S LIKE THIS, YOUR EMINENCE--
WARDROBE WON'T COME DOWN FOR HER BIG SURPRISE PARTY.
THEN CANCEL IT!
ER... WE WERE HOPING, SIR, THAT *YOU*, IN YOUR INIMITABLE STYLE, COULD SUGGEST TO WARDROBE TO PERHAPS COME DOWNSTAIRS.

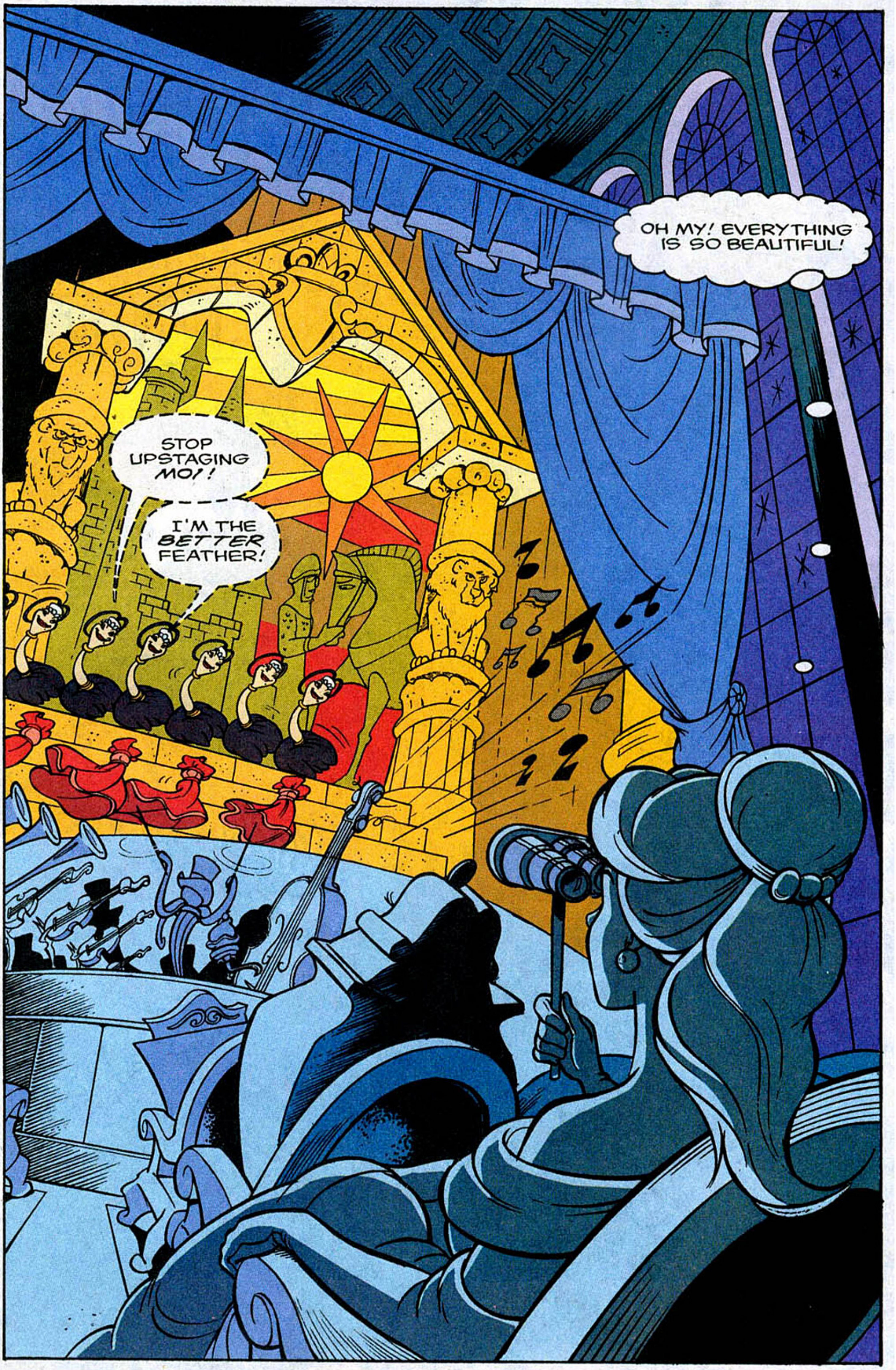

I HAVE NO TIME FOR SUCH FOOLISHNESS!
BUT THEY'VE BEEN PREPARING ALL DAY FOR THIS PARTY.
COULD *I* TRY TO CONVINCE WARDROBE TO COME DOWNSTAIRS?
SOON...
SOB! SOB!
POOR WARDROBE. SHE'S CRYING.
WARDROBE, IT'S BELLE. MAY I COME IN?
CAN I HELP?
THANK YOU, BELLE. BUT *NOBODY* CAN.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TALKING ABOUT IT.
SOMETIMES THAT HELPS.
I'LL TRY.

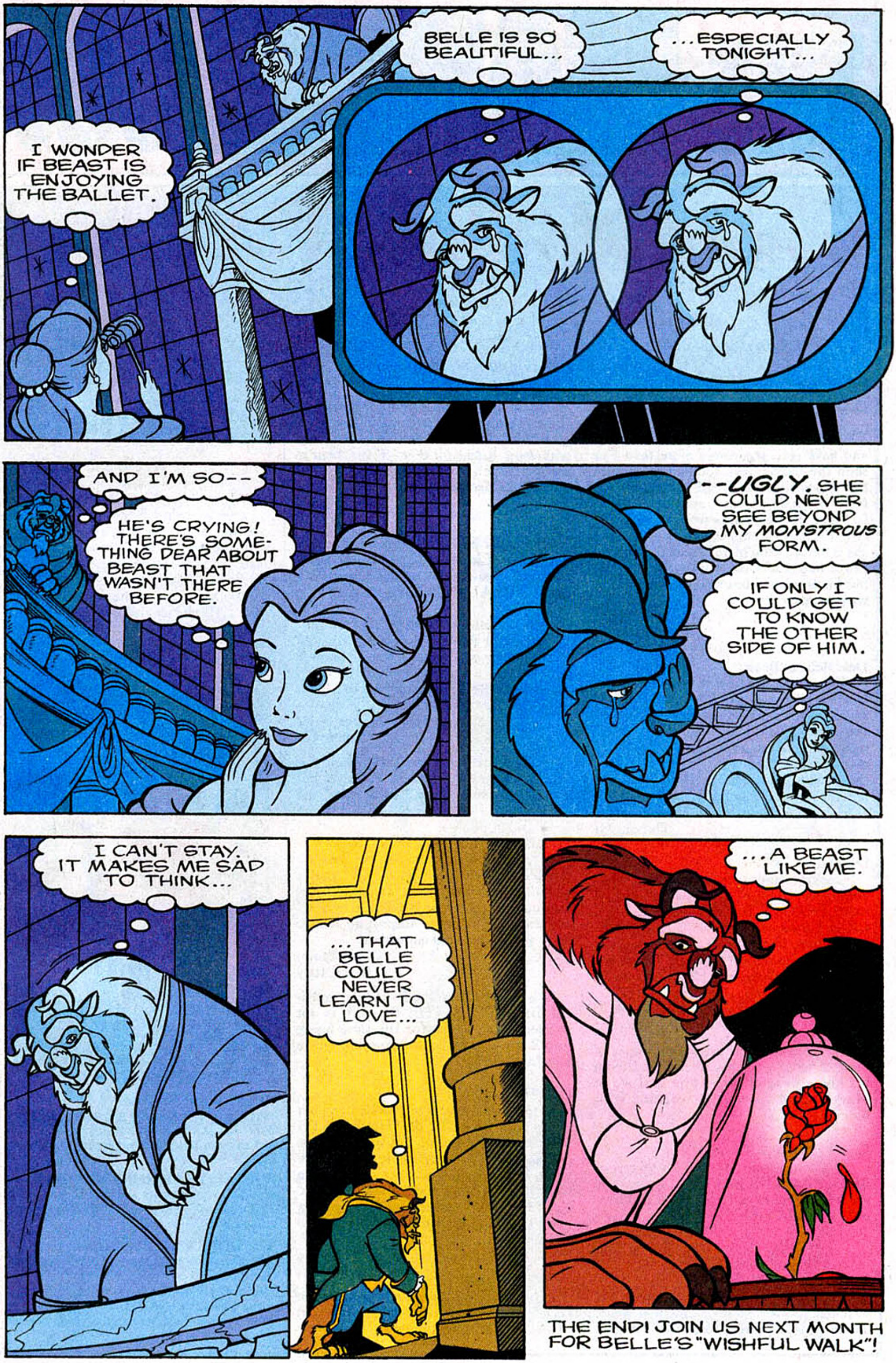

IT'S VERY DEPRESSING TO BE A *WARDROBE*...
...WHEN ALL I HAVE INSIDE IS OLD DUSTY GOWNS WITH NO ONE TO WEAR THEM.
ALL THESE DRESSES *NEED* IS A LITTLE DUSTING OFF AND THEY'LL LOOK JUST LIKE NEW!
THAT GOWN YOU'RE HOLDING WOULD LOOK *RAVISHING* ON YOU, BELLE!
DO YOU THINK SO?
AND IF YOU'LL LOOK IN MY BOTTOM DRAWER, YOU'LL FIND A SPARKLING TIARA THAT WILL LOOK *DAZZLING* ON YOU!
THANK YOU!
AND SOON...
WILL YOU TIE MY SASH?
OF COURSE! IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO SERVE, MADEMOISELLE!


IT FEELS SO GOOD TO BE WORKING AGAIN!
AH HAAAAA
YOU'LL BE THE BELLE OF THE BALL, BELLE! THAT IS, IF THERE'S A BALL TO BE THE BELLE OF!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, WARDROBE!
I HOPE MY PLAN TO GET HER DOWNSTAIRS WORKS.
OH MY! BELLE FORGOT HER TIARA!
MADEMOISELLE!
IT WORKED!
YOU FORGOT YOUR--


--TIARA?!
SURPRISE!
♫ HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR WARDROBE, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU! ♪
ARF ARF!
MAKE A WISH, WARDROBE!
I WISH TO BE AN OPERA STAR AGAIN.
AHHHAAA!


AND SOON...
OOOH!
YUM, MAMA! THAT CAKE WAS GOOD!
REMEMBER YOUR PROMISE, CHIP.
I KNOW, MAMA! JUST *ONE* PIECE OF BIRTHDAY CAKE...
HOW LOVELY!
...AND INTO THE CUPBOARD WITHOUT A FUSS!
GOOD NIGHT, CHIP!
GOOD NIGHT, MAMA! I CAN'T WAIT TILL I'M A GROWNUP AND I CAN STAY UP LATE!
DON'T RUSH IT, CHIP. IT WILL HAPPEN SOON ENOUGH!
AT THE THEATER...
AND NOW, FOR OUR GUEST OF HONOR, THE BIRTHDAY GIRL, WARDROBE...
...IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT...
...WITHOUT FURTHER ADO...
--THE *BALLET*!


OH MY! EVERYTHING IS SO BEAUTIFUL!
STOP UPSTAGING *MOI*!
I'M THE *BETTER* FEATHER!


BELLE IS SO BEAUTIFUL...
...ESPECIALLY TONIGHT...
I WONDER IF BEAST IS ENJOYING THE BALLET.
AND I'M SO--
HE'S CRYING! THERE'S SOMETHING DEAR ABOUT BEAST THAT WASN'T THERE BEFORE.
--*UGLY*. SHE COULD NEVER SEE BEYOND MY *MONSTROUS* FORM.
IF ONLY I COULD GET TO KNOW THE OTHER SIDE OF HIM.
I CAN'T STAY. IT MAKES ME SAD TO THINK...
...THAT BELLE COULD NEVER LEARN TO LOVE...
...A BEAST LIKE ME.

THE END! JOIN US NEXT MONTH FOR BELLE'S "WISHFUL WALK"!

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Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

I loved the first issue of BEAUTY & THE BEAST even more than the movie and have read the comic more than I've seen the movie! You seemed to capture the personalities of Belle and Beast perfectly and it'll be great to see them regularly. I love Barbara Slate's work in the BARBIE FASHION comics and it seems like she is having even more fun on this book. I never heard of Cosme Quartieri before, but his artwork is beautiful and I look forward to lots more!

Pat Bonelli, age 16
Milwaukee, WI

Dear Belle & Beast,

Your first edition was great and I laughed all through it. There is plenty of action and the drawings seem to move on the page. I don't think Beast should be so mean to Belle just because he thinks he's a monster. Like she said, it's not what's on the outside that matters. If more people felt this way, it would be a nicer planet.

Cristian Jackson, age 11
Detroit, MI

Dear Hildy,

Congratulations on all your new Marvel/Disney comics. Out of all of them I liked BEAUTY & THE BEAST, THE LION KING and THE LITTLE MERMAID best, in that order. The art is really incredible and perfect for B&B. Where did you find, Mr. Quartieri? He should do all your Disney books!

Silver MacLeod, age 12
Pawtucket, RI

Mr. Quartieri has graced the pages of many Disney projects in the past from his home base in Argentina and we at Marvel are happy to be working with him!

Dear Beautiful & Beastly Mail,

No wonder Beast was so angry in BEAUTY & THE BEAST #1. I would be too if someone forced me to take cod liver oil! YEECCCCHH!

Manny Bognovitz
Silver Spring, MD

Dear Beauty & the Beast,

The first page of your new comic was so romantic with Beast dreaming of Belle. There are no romantic comics, so I'm glad you're doing this one. I know some people (boys) think romance is mushy, so it's a good thing there's Lumiere and Cogsworth with some laughs for them. I can't wait to see Wardrobe's party in BEAUTY & THE BEAST #2. See you then.

Linda Luria
Los Angeles, CA

Hope the party in this issue didn't let you down, Linda! Make sure you come back next issue, because every issue is a party at BEAUTY & THE BEAST!

Dear Beautiful and Beastly Mail,

I thought BEAUTY & THE BEAST #1 was totally cool! What I want to know is if you'll do a crossover with X-MEN ADVENTURES so we can see the Beast meet the Beast! How about it?!

Lindsay Hamilton, age 14 1/2
Naples, FL

There are no immediate plans for Marvel-Disney crossovers, Lindsay, but you can be sure if the Beasts meet, the fur will fly!

Dear BEAUTY & THE BEAST,

From the cover to the ads, you've got a real classy book. It's as good as the movie and all that's missing is the music. I saw the musical version of B&B on Broadway and think you ought to adapt it in a comic book and put a record out with it!

Cinzia Burini
Rome, Italy

The album from the Broadway musical, BEAUTY & THE BEAST, is out in record stores, so for the time being you'll have to read the comics while blasting the CD!

Dear Hildy,

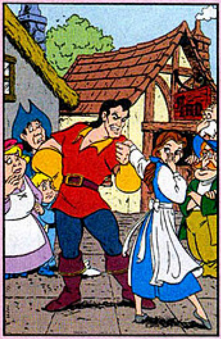
I think you have a big success on your hands with BEAUTY & THE BEAST. I don't read many comics and when they do one from a TV show or movie they usually stink, but it looks like a lot of attention went into the story and art and it shows. Good luck with your other Disney comics and I'm really looking forward to ALADDIN!

John Sario
Capitola, CA

Thanks, John! Be sure to pick up the first issue collectors' edition of ALADDIN right now!

NEXT MONTH:

BEAUTY & THE BEAST #3, "Wishful Walk" - Cogsworth, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts and Chip conspire to bring Belle and the Beast together when it appears that Belle might be one of the maidens wanting Gaston's hand in marriage! Has Beast lost Belle forever or will their friends' plot work and bring them together forever? All these and more questions are answered with the fun, excitement and romance you've come to expect from Belle, Beast and their friends!



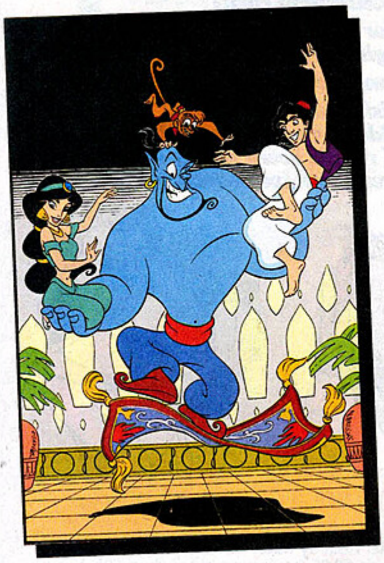
AND NEXT MONTH IN -

DISNEY AFTERNOON #1 - Premiere issue! In one comic you get those nuts from Goof Troop, the misadventures of Bonkers and the amusingly mysterious Darkwing Duck!

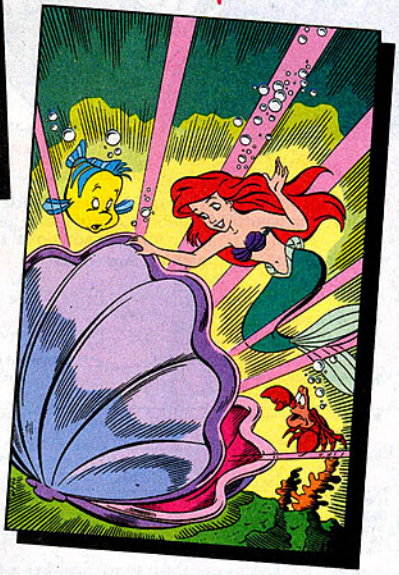
THE LITTLE MERMAID #3, "The Daredevilfish" - Pearl starts a new girls club called the Daredevilfish and makes Ariel go through a devilish initiation to join!

ALADDIN #2, "The Pharaoh's Curse" - Mischievous Abu "picks up" a jeweled treasure that turns out to be cursed! Genie, Jasmine and Aladdin must sneak the piece back to the Pharaoh's pyramid, but to do so they must face the mysterious Sphinx and answer his awesome riddle!

ALSO THIS MONTH . . .



ALADDIN #1, "Aladdin's Quest" - Premiere issue! Aladdin, Jasmine, Genie, Abu and their friends begin their new adventures in the pages of Marvel Comics! In this first issue, it'll take all of Aladdin's wits... and Genie's magic... to get through the three tasks the Sultan sets before him! Not to be missed!



THE LITTLE MERMAID #2, "All That Glitters" - The all-new original adventures of Ariel and her undersea friends continue! While all of Atlantica prepares for a royal visit from the neighboring kingdom of Pacifica, the evil Lobster Mobster enters the scene causing havoc and involving Ariel in his wicked schemes!